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Dear [name]

We wish to sincerely thank you for taking part in the Randomised Evaluation of COVID-19 Therapy (RECOVERY) Trial ([www.recoverytrial.net](http://www.recoverytrial.net)). During your admission you received an antibody therapy, which will have been either synthetic antibodies, or antibodies taken from someone who has recovered from COVID-19 ('convalescent plasma'). Because these antibody treatments may have a short-term impact on the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccine, we recommend that you do not receive the vaccine until 3 months after this treatment. The fact that you were given an antibody therapy may not be documented in your GP record, so if you are invited to receive the COVID-19 vaccine within 3 months of treatment you should explain this reason to delay vaccination.

Thank you again for your participation in this remarkable effort to save the lives of patients with COVID-19.

[Signature block of local Principal Investigator]

cc: Participant's general practitioner

### **Frequently asked questions**

*Am I at risk of getting COVID again before I receive the vaccine?*

The risk is very small, as we know that the immunity gained from COVID-19 infection is similar to that provided by the vaccine and lasts at least three months after infection. However, it is not yet known whether this immunity is exactly the same as vaccine-derived immunity, so it is still recommended that people who have had infection are vaccinated at some point.

*If my first dose of vaccine is delayed, should the interval between vaccine doses be changed?*

No, this should remain the same.

*I've had the first dose of vaccine since taking part in the trial, does this need to be repeated?*

No. It is very likely that you will be protected as a result of your infection and the vaccine you received. However, the second dose should be arranged at least 3 months after you took part in the trial.

*I've had both doses of vaccine since taking part in the trial, do these need to be repeated?*

No. It is very likely that you will be protected as a result of your infection and the vaccine you received.

*What if I received the first dose of vaccination before I had COVID-19?*

Please arrange the second dose at least 3 months after you took part in the trial.