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Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID-19): bereavement scheme for family members of NHS and health and social care workers

Information for non-EEA national family members and dependants of NHS workers and independent health and social care workers who have died as a result of contracting coronavirus (COVID-19).

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If you're a non-EEA family member of any NHS worker, including support staff, or a healthcare or social care worker who has died as a result of coronavirus, you will receive immediate indefinite leave to remain, free of charge.

Your family member must have been working for the NHS in any role or working for an independent health and care provider, including the social care sector.

You do not need to do anything to receive this status. UKVI will contact employers to identify those eligible and will arrange for you to be issued with indefinite leave to remain.

However, if you think you should receive this status, you can contact the UKVI NHS team.

Email: UKVINHSTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk

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