## What can people do?

There are a number of simple actions which everyone can do to promote the Pledge and improve Covid safety:

- Check if your community group or union supports the Pledge and, if not, get them to sign up. Once they do, choose a project to work on together.
- Projects like air filters in schools; CO2 monitoring of workplaces, public spaces and transport; approaching local shops, restaurants and supermarkets about the Pledge; local library lending scheme for CO2 monitors; demanding proper protections in hospitals.
- Ask local councillors and your MP to support the Pledge.
- Approach your colleagues and employer at work urge them to sign the Pledge.
- Work with community groups and local trade union branches in your locality or region. You could form a local 'Pledge coalition' and campaign together. Advice is available professional groups.
- Provide us with stories of your campaigns and your successes (and also of employers who resist the Pledge)
- Contact us on Twitter @CovidPledge and through our website <u>www.covidpledge.co.uk</u> and tell us your successes (and difficulties) what you've been doing so we can share and use them to help others in their campaigning.

We know the government and employers are not going to protect us from Covid **unless we all collectively demand it.** Sign up to the Pledge here <u>covidpledge.co.uk</u> or scan the QR code on your mobile.



## The COVID -19 SAFETY PLEDGE



## Covid safety is an issue for all of us!

Covid hasn't gone away.

Since protections have been removed Covid-19 infections have been consistently high, we had five waves of Omicron during 2022 and are now in the first wave of 2023. While deaths and very serious illness are less than before (though still far too high), infection causes misery to millions, puts a huge burden on the NHS, doubles absenteeism in schools and, with some 2 million with long Covid, threatens livelihoods in the future. It needn't be like this!

Vaccines have saved thousands of lives, but they do not stop transmission of the virus. To reduce infections and the havoc they cause, we need additional measures like testing, supporting people to stay home when ill, and making indoor spaces safer. This means providing clean indoor air in workplaces, schools, public transport, hospitals and care homes, where "superspreading" occurs, by sharing stale air full of virus-containing aerosols.

"We are delighted to support the Covid-19 pledge as it forms what we see as an essential backbone to safer workplaces. People in clinically vulnerable families want to support businesses that take the risks posed by Covid-19 seriously. We hope that many more will sign up to the pledge to protect our lives and liberties."

Lara Wong, founder of Clinically Vulnerable Families