



William Wragg MP  
Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr Wragg,

Many thanks for your letter concerning Covid status certification at Wembley Stadium, our Chairman and Chief Executive has asked me to reply on their behalf.

We are delighted to have been part of the Government's Events Research Programme which has allowed the slow and measured return of fans to major events. As you rightly say, we have included both testing and the NHS certification app as part of preventative measures at these events. Either negative test results or using the certification app will admit fans to our remaining EUROs games.

The ERP events we have delivered at Wembley to date are:

- 17 April- FA Cup Semi-Final 2- 4,000 capacity
- 25 April- Carabao Cup Final- 8,000 capacity
- 15 May- FA Cup Final- 20,000 capacity (including trialing NHS app)
- 15 June- England v Croatia- 22,000 capacity (including offering NHS app as one form of test or vaccination verification)
- 18 June- England v Scotland- 22,000 capacity (including offering NHS app as one form of test or vaccination verification)
- 23 June- England v Czech Rep- 22,000 capacity (including offering NHS app as one form of test or vaccination verification)

The Events Research Programme is of course a Government programme which we were invited to join. It would not be for us to disclose correspondence with Government on this topic, so please do contact the Events Research Programme and the Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport for further details.

Yours faithfully,

**James MacDougall**  
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24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

*Dear Mr McCormick and Mr Bullingham,*

## **Use of the Covid Pass for Access to Wembley Stadium**

The Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee has been inquiring into the potential introduction and use of Covid-status certificates in the UK.

Following the announcement that attendance at Wembley for the Semi Final and Final of Euro 2020 will be on the basis of those seeking entry evidencing their vaccination status, antibody status or a recent negative PCR test by way of a 'Covid Pass', the Committee is seeking information about how this decision was reached.

Could you please provide the Committee with a timeline account and all records of the communication between the FA and the Government in regards to entry requirements for Wembley stadium and the use and introduction of the Covid Pass for these purposes.

The Committee would be appreciative if this information could be provided to the Committee by 10 am Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Your speedy cooperation with this request is gratefully received.

*Yours sincerely,*

**William Wragg MP**

**Chair, Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee**