

Covid-19 status

It is **not** a requirement to be vaccinated against Covid-19 to participate in TGOC21. However, knowing whether you are likely to have immunity may be helpful to the emergency services.

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| Have you received a full course of Covid-19 vaccinations? | |
| If not, do you anticipate being fully vaccinated by 1 st June 2021? | |
| Have you ever tested positive for Covid-19? If so when was this? | |

Emergency Contacts

Please provide a minimum of one and maximum of three emergency contacts. You may use the same contact as other participants in your team as long as the contact knows you personally. Before you declare your emergency contact(s) please check the following:

- Your contact(s) knows you are participating in TGOC21 and they are aware of the nature of the event.
- Your contact(s) has consented to their details being held by Challenge Control and, in the event of an emergency they accept their details will be passed on to the emergency services.
- Your contact(s) understands Challenge Control may phone them if there is concern about your welfare or you are late phoning in.
- Your main contact is not a participant on TGOC21.
- Your emergency contact does not need to be your next of kin but should have contact details for them.
- If giving more than one contact, please list them in the order that Challenge Control should attempt contact.

Please also consider language issues. If your closest friend/relative does not speak English well it may cause distress to them if they are unable to understand Challenge Control easily. It may be preferable to nominate someone well known to them who can interpret/relay potentially difficult messages.

| Name of Emergency Contact | Relationship to you | Phone number (s) |
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Before you leave home, please ensure your emergency contact has the following:

- A copy of your route sheet including your phone in points and dates.
- Challenge Controls number in case they have concerns.
- If carrying a GPS tracker access to your device's map and any associated beacons.
- The colour and make of your tent and colour of rucksack/cover and waterproof.
- A photo of you that can be sent to the emergency services if a search is initiated.

The last two items are requests from the Police and Mountain Rescue services.

GPS trackers

Also known as Personal Locator beacons (PLBs) or satellite messengers these devices can be used to alert the emergency services when you have no mobile phone signal and can also track your progress. Some have the capacity for two-way communication. It is not compulsory to carry one but, especially for solo Challengers, they are worthy of consideration.

If you plan to carry a GPS tracker, please share the following information with us:

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| Make and model of device | |
| How do you plan to use it? e.g. regular automated tracking beacons, occasional manual messages, emergencies only | |
| Does your tracker have the capacity for 2-way communication? | |
| Please give a link to your tracker map | |
| Who will be monitoring your map/beacons? This person should be one of your emergency contacts. | |

Carrying a tracker is not an alternative to the phone-in system. You must still ring or text as planned.

Your GPS tracker will not be checked routinely by Challenge Control unless you have missed a phone-in, or we have other reasons to be concerned about you. You must ensure someone at home is checking your beacons/messages regularly. Ideally, they should be one of your emergency contacts. Please DO NOT use the Coordinators' or Challenge Control's email address or phone numbers as one of your contacts.

We have had several instances of devices failing, causing anxiety to family and friends whilst the Challenger has been, thankfully, fine. Therefore, we will not initiate a search just because your tracker is not moving – we need some other indicator, such as a missed phone-in, that you may be in trouble. You need to discuss with your emergency contact what they will do if your tracker stops transmitting. Challenge Control will, of course, be happy to talk to your emergency contact(s) about your welfare.

Please return this form by email to newtonmorehostel@gmail.com. If you are unable to email it, please post to:

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