

Attending your surgery during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

Information for patients



Requirement to isolate

Following Government advice, due to the risk posed by COVID-19, we ask that both you and all members of your household go into a strict isolation period of 3 days prior to your planned admission date. This is very important to keep you and the other patients who will be in hospital around you as safe as possible from Coronavirus.

You may still need to attend hospital visits; we will arrange for you to have Coronavirus testing before your operation and you may also require other investigations such as blood tests. It is vitally important that you follow these instructions carefully.

It is very important that you attend any Pre-assessment tests and Covid test before your procedure. Failure to do so will result in cancellation.

Although guidelines with regards to self-isolation have been relaxed in the community, these remain in place for anyone visiting a healthcare setting for all patients' safety.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, however, if you or members of your household are unable to comply with this guidance, regrettably we will not be able to proceed with your planned admission.

If you have any queries regarding the above guidance please contact the Surgical Admissions team on the number provided in the Letter.

Before your Surgery

If you or anyone in your household develops a symptom that might be related to coronavirus, please contact the department as soon as possible.

If you or anyone in your household have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or subsequently test positive for COVID-19 prior to your procedure, please contact the department as soon as possible.

All patients must wear a face covering

Face coverings in hospitals are still mandatory unless medically exempt. Face coverings do not replace the need to follow social distancing rules but may prevent you passing on coronavirus before you have symptoms

If you have your own face covering, you must wear this to your procedure. On your arrival, clinical staff may ask you to wear a surgical face mask. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



A cloth face covering should cover your nose, mouth and chin while allowing you to breathe comfortably. It can be as simple as a scarf or bandana that ties behind the head. When wearing a face covering, take care to tuck away any loose ends.

Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before putting it on or after taking it off. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth at all times and store used face coverings in a plastic bag until you have an opportunity to wash them.

Do not touch the front of the face covering, or the part of the face covering that has been in contact with your mouth and nose. Once removed, make sure you clean any surfaces the face covering has touched.

You should wash a face covering regularly. It can go in with other laundry, using your normal detergent. Information on how to make your own face covering may be found at:



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>



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