




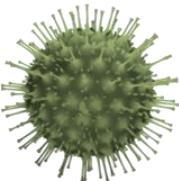


Advice for patients attending outpatient appointments/surgical admissions during coronavirus (Covid-19)

In order to protect patients, staff, and the public, and practice effective social distancing, please read the instructions below carefully.

Before attending your appointment


Please answer the following questions:





	Do you have any new symptoms of a cough?
	Do you have a fever/high temperature?
	Do you have a change or loss of taste and/or smell?
	Has someone you live with tested positive for coronavirus in the past 10 days? Have you been in contact with anyone else who has tested positive for coronavirus in the past 10 days?

If you have answered 'YES' to any of the above, please **DO NOT** attend the department. Instead telephone the department as soon as possible for advice or for your appointment to be rebooked. Please refer to [NHS 111](#) or the [Government website](#) for further advice if needed.

Attending your appointment

If you have answered 'NO' to all of the above questions, you may attend your appointment as planned.

	Please attend your appointment alone . Exceptions are only made for children 16 or under, patients with specific care needs and patients that are likely to receive a distressing diagnosis. Please do not bring any other relative with you to any appointment.
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	<p>Please be on time for your appointment but arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to your allocated time. If you are running late please contact the department before coming to the hospital as we may have to rearrange your appointment. If you are arriving by patient transport, please contact the department for any additional instructions.</p>
	<p>Hands should be washed frequently for 20 seconds each time, at home, before coming into the hospital and as needed – for example after touching your face or using the toilet.</p> <p>Please make use of the hand sanitiser at main and department entrances. Further information on hand hygiene is available on our website.</p>
	<p>Please use a face covering on attendance to the Trust, unless you are exempt due to an age, health or disability reason. Face coverings will be available from dispensers at all Trust entrances. If you are required to remove it, you will be asked to do so by a clinician.</p>
	<p>In order to comply with social distancing rules, to the best of your ability, please keep your distance from other people wherever possible and follow the signs and directions in the Trust. Please keep to the LEFT in corridors.</p> <p>Should any diagnostic tests be required such as blood tests, you might not be able to wait for these as before and may need to return to the hospital on a future occasion to have them done.</p>

Please be aware that frontline staff will be wearing full protective clothing for everyone's safety.

Contact number: 01305 251150

Useful websites: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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