



COVID-19 Elective Admission Information

Why are you receiving this letter?

You are receiving this information because you have been listed for an elective (planned) procedure. This information leaflet explains what will happen prior to and during your admission process.

Testing prior to your procedure

- We request that you perform an LFD (Lateral Flow Device) test 72hrs before your planned admission to hospital.
- Lateral Flow Devices are available free of charge to patients being admitted for a procedure via the government website at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests If you are struggling access an LFD, please ask family or friends as the hospital is unable to provide you with a test.
- If your LFD test result is positive for COVID-19, please contact the number on your appointment letter so your situation can be discussed with the clinical team. Please be aware that your procedure may need to be rescheduled.
- If you develop any COVID-19 symptoms after your LFD test and prior to your admission, please contact the number on your appointment letter.
- On admission to the hospital on the day of your procedure a repeat LFD test will be performed by the hospital.
- If your test result is positive for COVID-19 your case will be discussed with the clinician and anaesthetist if required. Please be aware this may result in your procedure being cancelled and rescheduled for your safety.

How we protect you

- Our staff wear appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with national guidance.
- All patient-facing staff are asked to conduct LFD tests twice a week.
- Staff who have a positive LFD test do not come to work.
- Should a symptomatic member of staff test negative on LFD then a confirmatory PCR test will be required before further assessment made regarding return to work.

- The hospital undertakes enhanced cleaning procedures.

Post procedure

- If you develop any symptoms of COVID-19 following your procedure, please follow national guidance for the public which can be accessed via the government website at www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Further information

This information is in accordance with NHS England and Improvement Guidance as per the 'Living with COVID-19 – testing update' (issued 30 March 2022). You can access this on the NHS England website at www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/publication/living-with-covid-19-testing-update/

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