

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Patient Screening

Why am I being tested for Coronavirus?

Coronavirus, also known as Covid-19, is transmitted from person to person by close contact. Common symptoms include a fever, cough and loss of sense of smell. Some people may not have symptoms but can still pass on the infection to others.

All patients are tested on admission to hospital whether or not they have symptoms of Covid-19. We do this to check if they have a current infection so we can take appropriate measures to keep our patients, staff and visitors safe.

When and where will I be screened?

If you are admitted you will usually be screened on a ward.

If your test is negative and you are still an inpatient, we will screen you once more after 5 days. This is because there is a chance you were incubating the virus on admission.

How will I be screened?

A swab (cotton bud) is taken from your throat and nose. This test is painless, though can be uncomfortable but only takes a few seconds.

When will I get the results?

Your swab will be sent to the laboratory and results will come back in 2-3 days. If you have been discharged before the result is known, we will only call you if the result is positive. If you have not heard anything within 4 days you can consider the test to be negative.

What happens after I have been screened?

If you are found to be positive you will be transferred to a designated ward. If you are negative your care will continue as normal.

Our staff will need to wear protective equipment when providing care: gloves, apron, mask and visors even if you do not have symptoms.

What happens if I am negative and have contact with a patient who has tested positive for the virus?

We take all possible measures to prevent exposure to the virus, though whilst you are in the hospital, this is a possibility. We will inform you if you have been in contact with a patient who is subsequently found to have Covid-19.

If you are at home, we will notify you and you will need to self-isolate for 14 days. You can read national guidance here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are still in hospital you will have your temperature and any symptoms checked for 14 days. On discharge you must remain under self-isolation until a full 14 days of isolation have lapsed since the contact.

What can I do to protect myself and others?

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.



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