

Isolation instructions for our patients before coming into hospital for surgery

In preparation for your hospital admission, you must carefully follow all of the below instructions for isolation. These instructions apply to you and all members of your household for 7 days. Your procedure will only be able to go ahead in the following circumstances:

1. If you (and your household members) have fully isolated following the instructions below
2. If you (and your household members) have no Covid-19 symptoms
3. If your Covid-19 swab comes back as negative

If any of these three factors cannot be achieved, your surgery will be cancelled until we can be sure it is safe for everyone to proceed.



- Do not leave your house unless in an emergency or for medical treatment



- Do not go out for supplies and medicines, ensure these are delivered to your household



- Do travel to your hospital appointments/admission using your own private vehicle or with someone from your own household. Do not use public transport or taxis. If you do not have your own transport, please call the hospital for advice



- Do not have any visitors in your home or accommodation



- Do not meet with friends and family



- Do not attend any gatherings eg weddings and religious services



- Do strictly avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 (these include high temperature and/or new continuous cough and/or loss of taste or smell)

Additional instructions

- Wash your hands more often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover any cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in your home
- Use separate household items such as towels, bedding and crockery
- If any household member becomes unwell during this 7 day isolation period you must report it prior to coming to the hospital for surgery
- Wash your hands thoroughly after touching pets

Pre-operative Covid-19 testing

- As part of our admission process, you will need to be swabbed and you may require some additional tests ahead of your procedure. Your hospital team will further advise you of what is required

Post-operative isolation

- Your Consultant will discuss with you before your operation if you require another period of isolation after your discharge from Hospital