

Important information about coming into hospital

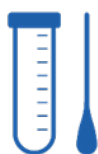
It is essential that you read and follow this advice if you are coming into hospital for an outpatient appointment, procedure or scan.



The NHS is asking all patients, staff and visitors to wear a mask inside the hospital. You should expect staff to ask you to put a mask during your visit.



Staff will ask if you have been vaccinated – this is so that we can keep the vulnerable people in our hospital safe



If you are having a procedure, you may need to take a coronavirus test. This is so we can keep everyone safe in our hospitals.



Please contact us to rearrange your appointment if you have:

- Symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive, or live with someone who has tested positive in the last 10 days

OR

- Travelled into the UK in the last 10 days from a country on the red/amber list or live with someone who has been to a country on the red/amber list.



Attend your appointment alone if it is safe to do so. If you or your child need to be accompanied this must be with only one other person.



Use hand gel or wash your hands when you arrive and keep a distance between you and others to reduce the risk of transmission.



If you have been shielding at home or are at higher-risk, please let us know and we can offer you some advice about your appointment.

If you need to make any changes to your outpatient appointment, please call the contact number on your appointment letter. You can find out about more about changes to our services and visitors policy on our website: coronavirus.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk

