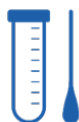


Important information about coming into hospital for your surgery

It is essential that you read and follow this advice if you are coming into hospital for a procedure or surgery.



You may be asked to wear a mask in certain areas or circumstances. This is to protect vulnerable people and we are grateful for your support with this



If you are having a procedure, you may need to take a coronavirus test. Your team will let you know if this affects you. They will also let you know if you need to take any other precautions prior to surgery. For example, avoiding large gatherings

Please contact your clinical team ahead of your procedure if you:



- If you have any new respiratory symptoms
- Have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or think you might have the virus.
- Have been in contact with a definite case of COVID-19
- Have any other symptoms of infection for example, diarrhoea and vomiting

The clinical team will advise you what to do next. The contact number is on the letter you have inviting you for your procedure



Use hand gel or wash your hands when you arrive.



You can find out about more about changes to our services and visitors policy on our website: <https://www.newcastle-hospitals.nhs.uk/coronavirus/>

