



COVID-19

Information for patients, parents and carers

ADVICE SHEET

Key points

Extra information

What should I do if my child has a **PENDING** COVID-19 result?

If they were tested for showing symptoms (cough, fever, or loss of taste or smell):

You and your child, along with anyone in immediate contact and members of your household, must isolate straight away.

If they had no symptoms but routinely tested on admission, then isolation is not required.

We will contact you as soon as we can to inform you of the result.



Isolation must begin immediately upon discharge from the hospital.

Please note that we will attempt to contact you on a phone number you have provided. The call will show up as being from an 'unknown number'; please do not ignore.

Please do not ring the ward as staff members will not be able to share the result.

Your discharge letter will be amended with your child's result and you will receive a copy in the post.



What should I do if my child has a **NEGATIVE** COVID-19 result?

As long as your child is well you and your child do not need to isolate, however, you should stay alert and follow government guidelines.

It is important that your child remains isolating until their result has been confirmed.

If your child becomes unwell then get in touch with your GP or Walk in Centre or A&E as appropriate.



What should I do if my child has a **POSITIVE** COVID19 result?

Your child needs to self-isolate for **10 days** from when symptoms started (or from date of positive test if no symptoms). If your child is isolating due to a positive test with no symptoms and develops symptoms during that period, a new 10 day isolation period must begin from the day of symptom onset

You and your household must self-isolate for **14 days** from onset of your child's symptoms (or from date of your child's positive test result if no symptoms).

Self-isolation means no contact with anyone outside of your household.

A positive test does not mean your child is immune; they need to continue following strict hygiene precautions including washing hands and social distancing.

Even if a member of your household/contact has a negative swab they must complete a 14 day period of self-isolation.

If your child continues to have a temperature after 10 days seek medical advice.

It is possible for a PCR test to remain positive after COVID-19 infection, therefore patients should avoid a repeat test within the next 90 days, unless they develop any new COVID-19 symptoms.

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