

# How we are keeping our colleagues, patients and visitors safe



## Reducing the number of people in our hospitals

To make sure we keep the number of people in our hospitals to a minimum, access to our hospitals is restricted and visiting remains temporarily suspended until further notice.

## Covering our faces

If you come into one of our hospitals or community settings, you will be required to wear a face covering. It doesn't have to be a surgical face mask; it can be something as simple as a bandana or scarf as long as it covers your mouth and nose.

In line with latest guidance, all staff will wear a surgical mask when in work. Depending on the reason you are being seen, they may wear other types of PPE such as gloves, aprons or FFP3 face masks.



## Keeping our distance

We have taken steps to allow for social distancing wherever possible, such as removing chairs in our waiting rooms, ensuring there is at least 2.3 metres between hospital beds and asking everyone to stay to the left when walking through our sites.



## Practising good hand hygiene

Everyone who comes into our hospitals or community settings should wash their hands regularly using the hand washing facilities and hand gel provided. We have also taken steps to keep our sites as clean as possible including increasing cleaning schedules in public areas and removing magazines and toys in waiting areas.

## Keeping everyone safe

We have put a number of things in place to keep everyone safe, such as continuing to care for patients with suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus on designated wards; asking patients awaiting planned surgery to self-isolate for 14 days before admission and testing them for coronavirus 72 hours before admission; and continuing to test symptomatic colleagues and their families.

For patients who may be immune-suppressed, extra planning and protection will be put in place.

