

Visiting during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic: Guidance for staff, family and friends

Compassionate care while keeping everyone safe.

What to expect when supporting a woman during Induction of Labour, and Elective Caesarean Section

Only one birth partner can support a woman during, Induction of Labour, labour or a Caesarean section. The birth partner must be well, without symptoms of Coronavirus and not tested positive for Coronavirus in the last seven days.

It is safest to travel to hospital by private car or taxi. You can use public transport if you have no Coronavirus symptoms. If you need help with arranging transport to the hospital, please telephone our Patient Relations Team for advice on 0118 322 8338.

Do not bring any unnecessary belongings into hospital with you.

You must wear a face covering/mask, use hand sanitiser when you arrive and leave the ward. Please wash your hands with soap and water regularly during your stay.

Only leave the Induction of labour room, birthing room or recovery area if essential. Please bring plenty of food and drink for the duration of your stay.

Please work with the healthcare staff to maintain social distancing whenever possible.

After birth, it may be necessary for some women to stay on the postnatal ward. Birthing partners will need to return home when the times comes for the women to move to the postnatal ward.

There is no visiting on the antenatal or postnatal wards.

The healthcare staff will be wearing protective equipment, such as face masks, aprons, gloves and visors.

Please speak to the [midwife in charge](#) for further information.

