

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, labour, elective (planned) Caesarean section and on the antenatal and postnatal wards.

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 have 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.

Restricted visiting on the wards this must be the birth partner and no children allowed.

- Marsh Ward – 1-2pm and 5-6pm.
- Iffley Ward – Green beds 1-2pm and 5-6pm / Yellow beds 3-4pm and 7-8pm.
- All visitors must wear a face mask and use hand gel.
- All visitors must stay in the room or by the bedside. If a member of staff if needed, you must use the call bell.
- Visitors must wash hands with soap and water before holding the baby and after nappy changes.
- Visitors must leave promptly when the bell is rung to indicate the end of visiting.
- Staff reserve the right to ask visitors to leave if they are unable to comply with the above.

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

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

