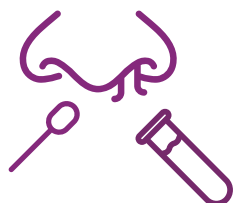


# Coronavirus testing in hospital

## Information for patients and carers

When you arrive in hospital, you will be expected to have a coronavirus test and be admitted to a ward while we wait for your test results. This will help us reduce the level of infection, and mean we can provide you with the best care in the right environment.

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### SWAB

We need to get a sample from you for the test. This means we use a swab (a long cotton bud), to gently rub first the back of your throat and then inside your nose.

This might be uncomfortable, but it should not be painful and there are no lasting effects.

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### WAIT FOR RESULTS

Your swab will be sent to a laboratory to be tested and you will be kept isolated while we wait for results.

This takes between 4 and 24 hours, depending on the time of day.

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### ADMISSION

If you do not have coronavirus, you will be admitted to an appropriate mental health ward.

If your test shows you have coronavirus, or you have symptoms of coronavirus, you will be admitted to Florence Ward. This is our specialist unit for treating people with coronavirus.

Once you are better, we will transfer you to another ward or your home depending on what kind of care you need.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.