

Patient information

IMPORTANT COVID-19 TESTING

COVID-19 testing prior to attending hospital for your endoscopy procedure

To protect you, fellow patients and our staff all patients will be required to have a test for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) prior to coming to the hospital for an upcoming procedure. To do this in the safest way possible, we are using the NHS's specialist home testing service. This allows you to do a test for COVID-19 safely, effectively and conveniently from your own home.

The process you must follow is:

1. **Fourteen** days before your procedure you must follow comprehensive social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines.
2. **Seven** days before your procedure you will receive a text message informing you that a COVID-19 Home Test Kit will be delivered to you. **Please register the test kit immediately by visiting www.gov.uk/register-hospital-test.**

If you have any difficulty with this please call 119 and a call handler will help you. If the kit is not registered we do not receive the results and your procedure may be cancelled.

3. **Five days before** your procedure a member of staff will call to discuss the test with you and ensure you have received a test kit. Please arrange the courier collection of your test, following the instructions included in your kit.
4. **Please complete the test 4 days before** the date of your procedure. If you are unclear please contact the department on 0203 594 3800. It is important that, between taking the test and the date of your appointment, you self-isolate.
5. When you have taken your test you must **self-isolate** until you attend for your procedure.



6. You should get your result within two days of your Test Kit being collected by the free courier service. If it is **negative** please continue to follow government guidelines and self-isolate before you attend the hospital on the day of your procedure. If it is **positive or void**, please call the hospital on **020 359 43800** to notify us so that we can make a plan for your care. **Do not come to the unit to discuss your results.**
7. **On the day** of your investigation, please travel by private car, bicycle or by walking if you are able. Parking information is available on our website www.bartshealth.nhs.uk. If you are travelling to the hospital by public transport, please note that all passengers are required to wear a face covering for the duration of their journey.

In line with national guidance, and to ensure the safety of our staff and patients, we are currently not allowing any visitors into our hospitals. You should attend your appointment alone unless you need assistance for mobility or accessibility reasons. For the latest visitor information please check our website. To help stop the spread of coronavirus please wear a mask or something that covers your nose and mouth at all times during your visit. Further information is available on our website www.bartshealth.nhs.uk.

What to expect when you arrive

Our hospitals are adapting to enable us to continue to care for patients safely while the coronavirus remains a threat to everyone's health. This means our hospitals will look and feel different.

All staff and visitors must wear face coverings or masks, use the hand gel, wash their hands more often and follow social distancing rules.

When you arrive you will be asked some questions about your appointment and whether you have any Covid-19 symptoms. You can then make your way to your appointment location.

Please ensure you arrive at the department at your appointment time. If you arrive earlier, you may not be permitted to enter and could be asked to return at your appointment time.

We are caring for Covid-19 patients in separate, dedicated areas in our hospitals, so that the right infection control measures are in place for them and all other patients are protected.

Please be aware that failure to comply with the above could result in your test being cancelled.

Large print and other languages

This information can be made available in alternative formats, such as easy read or large print, and may be available in alternative languages, upon request. For more information, speak to your clinical team.

এই তথ্যগুলো সহজে পড়া যায় অথবা বৃহৎ প্রিন্টেরে মতবকিল্প ফরম্যাটে পাওয়া যাবে, এবং অনুরোধে অন্য ভাষায়ও পাওয়া যতে পারে। আরো তথ্যেরে জন্য আপনার ক্লিনিকিয়াল টিমেরে সাথে কথা বলুন।

Na żądanie te informacje mogą zostać udostępnione w innych formatach, takich jak zapis większą czcionką lub łatwą do czytania, a także w innych językach. Aby uzyskać więcej informacji, porozmawiaj ze swoim zespołem specjalistów.

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Bu bilgi, kolay okunurluk veya büyük baskılar gibi alternatif biçimlerde sunulabilir, ve talep üzerine Alternatif Dillerde sunulabilir. Daha fazla bilgi için klinik ekibinizle irtibata geçin.

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Please contact us if you need general information or advice about Trust services:

www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/pals

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