

Maternity and Neonatal Service

COVID-19: Guidance for visitors and women

- You and your birthing partner will be asked screening questions on entering the maternity building.
- You must wear **your own** face covering at all times while in the maternity building.
- You must sanitise your hands on entering the maternity building and again on admission to the individual ward or department.
- We are offering a COVID-19 swab test to everyone admitted to the maternity service. This helps ensure that women in our hospital are safe.

Scans and antenatal appointments

- One partner may accompany a woman attending the following:
 - Early Pregnancy Unit
 - booking scan
 - 20 week anomaly scan
 - fetal medicine scan
 - antenatal appointments
- We have to adhere to 2 metre social distancing in our outpatient settings, in particular waiting areas. Although you are welcome to bring your partner to all appointments, please be aware that you may be asked to wait outside the building until seating becomes available. We would ask you to consider attending antenatal appointments on your own if you can.
- Please arrive **no earlier** than 10 minutes prior to your allocated appointment time.
- If your antenatal appointment is on the same day as your GTT, your partner may only accompany you to your antenatal appointment and will be contacted by phone to come in and join you.
- When attending the Admissions Unit, partners will be asked to wait outside the building until moving into the assessment room.
- We cannot welcome children at this time.

Labour and birth

- A nominated birth partner may accompany a woman for induction of labour – the duration of the visit will be decided by the midwife in charge.
- One nominated birth partner may accompany a woman in labour and at the birth (including caesarean birth).

Neonatal Unit

- Two parents or designated carers may provide care for their baby in the Special Care Baby Unit or the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (PPE will be provided).

Visiting in antenatal and postnatal wards

- One daily visit from one of two nominated birth partners (from up to two households) will be permitted in our inpatient wards. The duration and timing of the visits will be decided by the midwife in charge.

Exceptional circumstances may be considered