



Trust guidance for COVID 19 and mask wearing in the work place

We are seeing increasing numbers of patients testing positive for COVID 19, a reminder on guidance in relation to testing and mask wearing.

- All clinical staff to test patients with possible symptoms of COVID 19 infection with a PCR test.
- If a member of staff has symptoms suggestive of COVID 19, a lateral flow test should be completed.

PPE should be worn as follows when in contact with or working within:

FFP3 masks

- Covid or suspected Covid positive patients and managing direct contacts
- Covid outbreak wards

11R Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask

- Immunosuppressed patients
- Triage areas

Staff with respiratory symptoms testing COVID negative who feel fit for work should wear a Fluid Resistant Surgical Mask.

Outpatients - continue to advise patient with respiratory symptoms to inform dept. prior to arrival so a risk assessment may be completed.

Masks are still available for any member of staff, who following risk assessment, require to wear one.

All guidance will be kept under review

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