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Clinic information during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Covid 19 is an infectious disease which is transmitted when someone coughs, sneezes, or speaks. Do not leave home if you or someone you live with has any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

DO NOT attend clinic. Please call, text or email our team if you have had a positive Covid 19 test in the last 6 weeks or have been in contact with someone who has had Covid 19 in the last 14days. (Contact details are on following page)

If you think you may have Covid 19 please stay at home (self-isolate) and get a test.

We are doing our utmost to minimise risk to our patients and our staff at this difficult time. We appreciate your cooperation.



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For 14 days prior to your appointment:

You should continue to avoid close contact and remain socially distant from anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble – even inside other people’s homes.

You should wash your hands regularly and wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces where social distancing is difficult and there are people you do not normally meet. You are required by law to wear face coverings on public transport, and in shops, supermarkets, indoor shopping centres, banks, building societies, post offices, indoor transport hubs, museums, galleries, cinemas and public libraries. This will help to protect you and anyone you come into contact with and is critical to keeping everyone safe. (NICE guidelines.)

All clinic rooms and equipment are deep cleaned in between every patient.

When attending your appointment we would ask that you:

- Attend at your appointment time - please do not come early – you will be asked to wait outside until 5mins before.
- Remember to use the hand sanitiser when entering the building.
- It is essential that you wear a face covering when entering the building.

When entering the clinic room you will:

- have your temperature taken. If you have a fever we will not be able to see you in clinic as this is a sign of Covid 19.
- Gloves are not allowed in the clinic room as they can spread viruses.
- You will be asked to use hand sanitising foam (again)
- You will be given a disposable facemask – it is essential to wear the mask for the duration of the appointment.

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All clinical staff wear protective clothing as per British Society of Echocardiography guidelines. Staff wear disposable theatre gowns, disposable gloves, hairnet, visor and an FFP3 respirator mask.

In the clinic room the physiologist will keep talking to a minimum and the windows will be open – this will reduce viral loading within the room.

We ask at this time that relatives wait outside the clinic building or in the car. Unless exceptional circumstances and agreed prior to your appointment.

Appointments are extremely precious at present – we are working at 50% capacity due to the Covid 19 pandemic – if you cannot attend your appointment please inform our admin team.

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