

## **For the attention of all staff in Elective admissions and Outpatients**

Due to the increasing work load within Infection Control at UHD we will no longer be telephoning Covid-19 results unless the patient is an inpatient or tested while an inpatient.

The responsibility for following up results will remain solely with the requestor or requesting department.

### **Positive results**

For positive Covid-19 results follow your existing pathways, discussing any clinical urgency with the named consultant. This may result in delaying a procedure or attendance if not a high risk procedure or appointment.

### **Further pathway guidance is available in the Covid–19 admission process document for planned care procedures:**

<https://intranet.rbch.nhs.uk/uploads/infection-control/documents/coronavirus/Elective-procedures-admission-process-V2-21082020.pdf>

### **Indeterminate or Invalid Results**

For any results that are \*Indeterminate or \*\*Invalid you will need to request a repeat swab and treat patient as positive until a definitive result received. They will need to continue to self-isolate.

**\*Indeterminate** = A test that cannot be confirmed as either positive or negative

**\*\*Invalid** = A failed sample which is commonly due to insufficient content, mislabelling or leakage