

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