

Covid -19 Guidance

SARS Cov-2 VOC Omicron: Guidance

1.	<p>All patients admitted to the organisation should have travel history identified to ensure that they have not had travel from or via the list of countries below since the 1st November;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of South Africa • Botswana • Namibia • Eswatini • Lesotho • Angola • Zambia • Malawi • Mozambique • Egypt
2.	Patients who have travelled to these countries should be isolated within a cubicle/ side room.
3.	Patients with a subsequent positive PCR result should be isolated within the high risk pathway and NOT in a cohort bay.
4.	People who have arrived in the UK from the above named countries will already have been contacted by UK HSA and advised to self isolate and seek testing.
5.	Whole Genomic Sequencing will be completed by the reference laboratory (Bristol/ Porton Down).
6.	Results from this testing will be communicated back to the Trust by UK HSA. Please note these currently take 1/52 before this result is available.
7.	Patients should remain isolated for 14 days
8.	<p>Current PPE recommendations for these patients are in line with current guidance.</p> <p>Transmission based precautions with fluid repellent surgical mask, apron, gloves and eye protection for all patient care with the change to a long sleeve gown and respiratory protective equipment (that has been fit tested) for any aerosol generating procedures.</p>
9.	IPC Team should be contacted for any step down of IPC precautions ahead of 14 days.
<p>KEY POINTS</p> <p>Establish travel history for all patients admitted to the Trust</p> <p>Isolate if risk identified.</p>	