

# Maternity visitor guidance

As the spread of the Coronavirus evolves, from **Monday 12 April** we are able to relax some of our restrictions around partners / support people coming into the unit.

All partners / support people accompanying pregnant women to their appointments or visiting the maternity unit may attend subject to a **negative lateral flow (LFD) test and will need to wear a face covering**. It is the responsibility of the partner / support person to arrange an LFD test before attending.

- **Outpatient areas, community clinics and ultrasounds scanning** - one partner/support person may attend all appointments.
- **Induction of labour** - one partner/support person can accompany women on admission, until gel has been administered and monitoring has been completed.
- **Haven and central delivery suite** - one birth partner may accompany women throughout labour and birth.
- **Inpatient wards (antenatal, postnatal, Transitional Care Unit and NICU)** - visiting to inpatient wards is permitted for one hour per day and should be booked in advance. In NICU, unlimited visiting is available to mothers and partners may book two visits per day.

See [www.uhd.nhs.uk](http://www.uhd.nhs.uk) or **Maternity Matters** for full details of the restrictions and how to access a lateral flow test.