

Maternity visitor guidance

As the spread of the Coronavirus evolves, 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 your responsibility to arrange an LFD test before attending and to register your result via the NHS app or website.

Please bring this confirmation with you, not the test itself.

- **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 for a maximum of two hours.
- **Haven and central delivery suite** - two birth partners may accompany women throughout labour and birth.
- **Inpatient wards (antenatal, postnatal, Transitional Care Unit and NICU)** - visiting to inpatient wards is permitted for one partner/support person for one hour per day and should be booked in advance. In NICU, unlimited visiting is available to both partners.

See www.uhd.nhs.uk or **Maternity Matters** for full details of the restrictions and how to access a lateral flow test.