**STHK FLOWCHART FOR ELECTIVE DAYCASE ADMISSIONS AND ‘DAY PROCEDURES’ FOR NON-CANCER SURGERY**

**Day case surgery OR day procedures are procedures involving AGPs or prolonged clinician or patient contact of more than 1 hour within 2m of the patient**

**Patients to be contacted more than 21 days before the planned attendance – screening questions below.**

***Patients undergoing day case procedures involving LA, GA or sedation will no longer have to self-isolate for 3 days pre-operatively providing the patient:***

* Has been fully vaccinated with a UK approved COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen vaccine) with last dose given more than 14 days prior to surgery
* Has not been in contact with any other person who has tested positive or is symptomatic of COVID-19 in the 10 days prior to admission (day 0 is the last day of contact with the positive/symptomatic person)
* Is asymptomatic (i.e. NO fever ≥37.8oC, new onset continuous cough and/or loss/change in taste/smell)
* Has practised enhanced hygiene precautions (such as regular handwashing) prior to admission

**ALL THE ABOVE CRITERIA MUST BE CHECKED BY ADMISSIONS STAFF WHEN MAKING THE BOOKING AND RECONFRIMED BY CLINICAL STAFF ON THE DAY OF ATTENDANCE**

***\*Please note: Trust PPE guidance must be adhered to at all times and can be viewed via the following link:*** [What to wear and when – STHK COVID-19 Guidance](https://covid.sthk.nhs.uk/what-to-wear-and-when/)

NOTE - PPE, visitor restrictions and social distancing as per current Trust policy

**Clinically urgent**: admit to a cubicle and liaise with microbiology to arrange a rapid COVID test (ext 1837 or on call microbiologist via switch for out of hours)

Answered **no** to all questions and temperature below 37.8oC:

Proceed to admit for elective surgery into a ‘clean’ bay, (i.e. bay of elective admissions which have tested negative), or a cubicle

Answered **YES to ALL:** proceed to swab

**Arrange swab 3 days before admission or day procedure.**

**Patient to be informed of results by pre-op assessment staff / central swabbing team (and advised accordingly)**

For the short-notice backfilling of cancellations, patients may undergo a Trust arranged, rapid PCR test the day before surgery or in exceptional circumstances, on the same day. Patients will still need to have met all the above criteria (these must be discussed with the Microbiology laboratory on a case by case basis on x1837 prior to the specimen being sent).

Answered **NO to any of above:** **do NOT proceed** Discuss with clinical team if urgent

**See Supplementary pathway Part A**

**Positive** swab result: **do not** proceed to admission. Patient and household must self- isolate as per [DH guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection). Discuss with clinical team if urgent.

**See Supplementary pathway Part B**

**Negative** swab result: confirm can proceed to admission.

**Screening on the day of elective admission:
The treating clinician MUST check COVID result on Careflow prior to undertaking procedure.**

1. Has anyone in the household has had any COVID symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
2. Have you been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID in the last 10 days (day 0 being the last day of contact with the positive person)?
3. Have you had any symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
4. Check patient’s temperature

Answered **yes** to any questions **and**/**or** **temperature is 37.8oC or more: *do NOT admit***

Discuss with clinical team if urgent
 **See Supplementary pathway Part C**

(Discuss with clinical team if urgent)

Review again in 14 days

If answered **no** to all questions and temperature below 37.8oC

Proceed to admit for elective surgery into a ‘clean’ bay, (i.e. bay of elective admissions which have tested negative) or a cubicle

**Management of Elective Day case Admissions and ‘Day Procedures’ for Non-cancer Surgery**

Day procedures are procedures involving AGPS or prolonged clinician or patient contact of more than 1 hour within 2 Metres of the patient.

**This supplement is for clinically urgent cases that do not pass a screening stage**

Only use this flow chart if directed to do so from **STHK FLOWCHART FOR ELECTIVE DAYCASE ADMISSIONS AND ‘DAY PROCEDURES’ FOR NON-CANCER SURGERY**

**There are 3 parts – use only the part as directed by the referring flow chart**

**Part A: Did the patient answer ‘No’ to any Pre Swab screening questions?**

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| Screening question | Response if No |
| Has been fully vaccinated with a UK approved COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Moderna, Janssen vaccine) with last dose given more than 14 days prior to surgery? | Patient should attend for PCR test and isolate for 3 days prior to surgery.  |
| Has not been in contact with any other person who has tested positive or is symptomatic of COVID-19 in the 10 days prior to admission (day 0 is the last day of contact with the positive/symptomatic person)? | Discuss with clinician (and anaesthetist if having general anaesthesia) If the patient cannot be delayed then:* Continue with PCR test 3 days prior to admission
* Admit to Whiston site only
* Treat as Red Pathway regardless of PCR result
* Repeating PCR on day of admission is not needed for day cases but is required for inpatient admissions although procedure can go ahead without awaiting the repeat PCR result
* Admit to side room and keep in side room in accordance with Trust Standard Operating Procedure
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| Is asymptomatic (i.e. NO fever ≥37.8oC, new onset continuous cough and/or loss/change in taste/smell)? | Discuss with clinician (and anaesthetist if having general anaesthesia).If the patient cannot be delayed then:* Patient should isolate and arrange PCR test

If PCR test is negative proceed on green pathway providing patient is clinically well enough for the procedureIf PCR test is positive and procedure still needs to go ahead within 10 days of onset of symptoms then:* Admit to Whiston site only
* Treat as Red Pathway
* Repeating PCR on day of admission is not needed for day cases but is required for inpatient admissions although procedure can go ahead without awaiting the repeat PCR result
* Admit to side room and keep in side room in accordance with Trust Standard Operating Procedure
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| Has practised enhanced hygiene precautions (such as regular handwashing) prior to admission? | * Educate patient on the importance of basic hygiene precautions
* Proceed as normal
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**Part B: COVID positive result from pre-operative PCR Screen**

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| Positive COVID result prior to surgery | Discuss with clinician (and anaesthetist if having general anaesthesia).If the patient cannot be delayed then:* Admit to Whiston site only
* Treat as Red Pathway
* Repeating PCR on day of admission is not needed for day cases but is required for inpatient admissions although procedure can go ahead without awaiting the repeat PCR result
* Admit to side room and keep in side room in accordance with Trust standard operating procedure
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**Part C: Day of admission:**

If answered **yes** to any questions or temperature above 37.8oC

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| Screening question | Response if Yes |
| 1. Has anyone in the household has had any COVID symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
 | Discuss with clinician (and anaesthetist if having general anaesthesia).If the patient cannot be delayed then:* Admit to Whiston site only
* Treat as Red Pathway
* Repeating PCR test on the day of admission not needed unless being admitted as an inpatient (i.e. minimum overnight stay). In the event of inpatient admission, PCR test can be done routinely rather than as urgent and procedure can go ahead without waiting for the result
* Admit to side room and keep in side room in accordance with Trust standard operating procedure
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| 1. Have you had any symptoms (new onset continuous cough or fever and/or loss or change in your normal sense of smell or taste) since you were swabbed?
 | Discuss with clinician (and anaesthetist if having general anaesthesia).If the patient cannot be delayed then:* Admit to Whiston site only
* Treat as Red Pathway
* Repeat PCR on the day of admission: If urgent PCR is needed, this must be discussed with the Microbiology laboratory on a case by case basis on x1837 prior to the specimen being sent. Whether the procedure needs to go ahead without the PCR result should be determined by the clinical team caring for the patient
* Admit to side room and keep in side room in accordance with Trust Standard Operating Procedure
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| 1. Fever ≥37.8oC
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