

MEMO

Cork University Maternity Hospital

To: All staff CUMH

From: Professor John R. Higgins, Clinical Director, CUMH

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Re: Memo 10 COVID-19 Update

Staff queries: A monitored email address is now available for staff to email **questions or ideas** in relation to COVID-19. The email address is CUMH.COVIDStaffQuery@hse.ie

Dear colleagues,

Please find updates for staff queries, access and clinical care in CUMH as of Tuesday 17 March 2020.

Algorithms

- See algorithm, version 8.1 published today [here](#)
- CUMH must now work towards implementing this. The biggest change to implement is: **Patients at entry to hospital must be differentiated into need for acute hospital assessment versus discharge to home assessment/testing.**
- We will update you on our progress on this.

Staff Wellbeing

- Any staff experiencing COVID-19 symptoms can ring Occupational Health for a risk assessment over the phone. See algorithm [here](#).
- If tested, any staff swab results will be returned to Occupational Health (we have been advised that this may change as situation evolves).

Visiting Restrictions

The following changes to visiting will commence on **Wednesday 18 March 2020**:

- Women admitted for induction of labour or in labour can have one nominated visitor

- For all other inpatients, including Antenatal inpatients and Postnatal inpatients: No visitors allowed
- For patients in the NICU: One parent only
- For Outpatients: Only the women attending the appointment – No partners, children or companions

Social Distancing

- Meetings to take place in rooms that allow for social distancing where possible
- Daily Huddle will now take place in **Neonatal corridor** on ground floor
- All clinical staff to watch this video on PPE - [here](#).

Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhaoibh. We thank for your continued cooperation as we monitor the situation.

Regards,



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