



**ST. VINCENT'S
PRIVATE HOSPITAL**
Elm Park

Patient Information

COVID-19

Pre-admission information



Introduction

Welcome to St. Vincent's Private Hospital. In line with national and international guidance we have introduced pre-admission and surveillance COVID-19 screening procedures to protect you, your family, our patients and staff from the risks of COVID-19 infection.

If a risk of COVID-19 is identified through this screening process your admission may be rescheduled in consultation with your consultant. This leaflet will assist you to prepare for your admission and answer some of your questions

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath, fever, cold or flu-like symptoms, sudden loss of smell, loss or distortion of taste), contact your GP by phone for review.

Please contact us at 087 1994930 to inform us.

For patients who require a COVID-19 swab prior to admission

For certain procedures in SVPH, a negative COVID-19 swab is required prior to your admission to ensure your safety. This swab must be taken 48-72 hours prior to your procedure. A member of our pre-assessment team will contact you by phone to assess your risk of COVID-19. Following this phonecall, an appointment will be made for your swab and posted out to you.

If your swab is positive for COVID, your surgery may be rescheduled and if so, you will be given a future date. Further guidance will be available for you should this occur.

A member of the admissions team will contact you the day before your admission and confirm your arrival time.

On the day of your admission

On arrival to the admissions department you will be required to answer a COVID questionnaire to assess your risk of COVID-19.

On admission to the ward All patients admitted for an overnight stay, will have a COVID-19 swab taken for surveillance purposes

Please note: this includes patients that have already had a pre-admission swab.

Reducing risk of acquiring COVID-19 in the pre-procedure period

Prior to attending the Hospital, patients are requested to restrict their movements. We would advise that you do this for 14 days prior to your admission, or as soon as your admission date is confirmed. Once you have had your pre-op COVID swab taken, you should continue to restrict your movements.

This is for your own safety and the safety of our staff.

Hand hygiene

- Regular hand washing is one of the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.
- Alcohol hand sanitiser is located in all areas throughout the hospital and we ask that you please avail of it.
- Avoid touching your face and eyes.

Glove Use

- Please do not wear disposable gloves into the hospital. These are single use items and should not be worn for extended periods of time.
- If you are wearing them, we ask that you please remove them on arrival and clean your hands.

Social Distancing and Face-masks/ Face Coverings

- Every effort has been made to maintain Social distancing in all areas of the hospital in accordance with national guidelines.
- Staff in SVPH are required to wear surgical facemasks/ face coverings throughout the hospital.
- If you have a face covering we ask that you bring it with you when you attend the hospital. If you do not have a face covering please inform a member of staff and one can be provided to you.
- We ask that all patients wear face coverings in public areas, as tolerated. These can be removed when in your designated bedroom
- We ask that when a healthcare worker is in your room or cubicle that you wear your mask.
- While you are an inpatient, you should remain in your room as much as possible. If you are leaving your room, please wear your facemask/face covering.



- When wearing a face covering it is important that both the nose and mouth are covered.

Respiratory etiquette

- Please do not come into the hospital if you think you may have symptoms of COVID-19
- If you sneeze or cough, please cough into a tissue and dispose of it then dispose of it and clean your hands, or cough into your elbow

Visiting

- There is no visiting permitted in SVPH.
- We encourage the use of video calls and telephone visits. If you do not have a smart device, we will be happy to provide you with one and assist in placing a video call

Physical distancing and waiting areas

We have a strict system in place to reduce times in waiting areas. To avoid congestion, we have introduced some measures below

- For any future visits, you will be given an appointment. It is important that you arrive at this time.
- Where possible, please attend

your appointment alone.

- If you arrive early, please wait in your car or outside the building to avoid congestion. If you are delayed, please phone the department to let them know.

General Information

- Bring a minimal amount of personal belongings with you. Bring your medications.
- Come into the hospital unaccompanied if possible. There is a concierge desk at our front door if you need assistance from the set down point.
- On the day of your discharge, you should arrange to be collected at 10am. This will allow for cleaning of the room to be ready for the next patient.

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