

Advice for patients attending Sexual Health Dorset during Covid-19 (Coronavrius)

In order to protect patients, staff and the public, and practice effective social distancing, we are introducing new arrangements for sexual health appointments. It's really important that we all play our part and follow the advice so that we can continue to run our services safely.

Please follow these guidelines when you attend your appointment

	<p>Please attend your appointment alone. Exceptions are only made for children 16 or under and patients with specific care needs. Please do not bring any other relative or friend with you to any appointment.</p>
	<p>Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before your appointment as we will need to restrict the number of people in the waiting room. Please be on time. If you are running late, contact us on 0300 303 1948 before coming to your appointment as we may have to rearrange your appointment. Please wait in your car, or outside the building, until it's time for your appointment.</p>
	<p>Please use the hand sanitiser available when you arrive and as you leave our building to cleanse your hands and allow them to air dry (to work effectively).</p>
	<p>Please wear a face covering when you come into our building. You can find details about face coverings on the government website (www.gov.uk/coronavirus).</p>
	<p>Please comply with the social distancing guidance, staying 2 metres away from others wherever possible during your visit. Follow the signs and guidance posters in our buildings.</p>

Our staff – To protect everyone, staff who are providing direct care to patients will be wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) which includes a face mask, gloves, a visor or eye protection and a gown or apron depending on the nature of their work. Our staff may ask you to move to support social distancing or to wash your hands and we appreciate your co-operation to keep everyone safe.

Shielding – We understand that many of our patients may be shielding at this time. We have tried to make sure you are at as low a risk as possible. If you fall into this category and are still concerned about attending, please let us know as soon as possible.

Contact us on 0300 303 1948

Thank you in advance for respecting and protecting our staff and other patients.