

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – information for children, young people and families from the Craniofacial team

We understand that you might be worried about coronavirus – also known as COVID-19 – particularly if your child has a long-term health condition, such as craniosynostosis. This information sheet from the Craniofacial team at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) sets out our advice for children and young people who use our services. Please read this alongside our general information about coronavirus (COVID-19) available online at www.gosh.nhs.uk/news/coronavirus-covid-19-information-hub

Does COVID-19 affect children?

The evidence to date shows that although children do develop COVID-19 very few children will develop severe infection with COVID-19.

Children with single suture synostosis are unlikely to be at increased risk if they contract COVID 19

For more complex patients who have airway difficulties and are on CPAP or BIPAP the risk of acquiring COVID-19 (provided they don't have an immune problem) is not increased. These children are likely to be at greater risk of suffering respiratory complications if they contract COVID 19, but this increased risk has not been quantified.

It is important that children on CPAP and BIPAP continue with their prescribed treatment and refer to the non-invasive ventilation and long term

ventilation information for children and young people using CPAP and BIPAP.

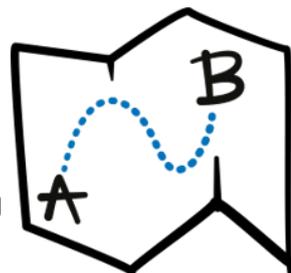
There are no specific concerns or cautions for children who have a tracheostomy or nasopharyngeal airway.

Should we make alternative clinic appointments?

Clinicians are looking to remove the need for patients to attend face-to-face appointments wherever possible. This might involve to telephone appointments or exploring video consultations.

If your child has an upcoming clinic appointment, we will be in touch with you to discuss how we can best carry this out remotely.

Further information and support



Information from the NHS at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Information for children is available on the BBC Newsround website at www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

