

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – information for children, young people and families from the Dermatology 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 a severe dermatology condition or vascular anomaly. This information sheet from the Dermatology 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-children-young-people-and-families

This guidance comes from the British Association of Dermatologists and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and has been approved by the clinical team at GOSH.

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 and young people who are taking certain medications, including methotrexate, azathioprine, cyclosporine, sirolimus, long-term prednisolone, mycophenolate mofetil, and biologics, should be considered at risk for any viral disease, so precautions for vulnerable groups, as outlined in the general information about coronavirus (link above) should be followed.

Specific advice about medicines from the Dermatology team

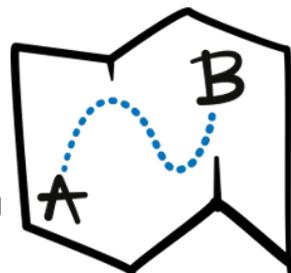
Your child must continue to take the medicine prescribed for their condition unless advised otherwise by the Dermatology team. It is particularly important that patients on long-term prednisolone do not stop suddenly.

If your child develops an infection, it may be necessary to pause certain treatments, following consultation with the Dermatology team.

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 telephone appointments or 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

