

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – information for children, young people and families from the Haemophilia 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 haemophilia or another clotting disorder. This information sheet from the Haemophilia 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

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 stand-alone inherited bleeding or thrombotic disorders are not at increased risk of catching COVID 19, nor of being more severely affected.

If your child has any additional medical problems, please seek advice from the other teams involved in their care.

Specific advice about medicines from the Haemophilia team

Taking your medication is very important and not taking it could make your condition worse.

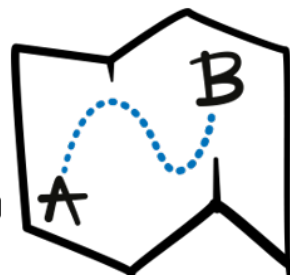
Please consult your specialty team before making any decisions regarding your medication.

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

