

## **IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION**

The NHS in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, and Public Health England (PHE) are well prepared for outbreaks of new infectious diseases. The NHS has put in place measures to ensure the safety of all patients and NHS staff while also ensuring services are available to the public as normal. The risk to the general public is moderate. Coronavirus presents with flu-like symptoms including a fever, a cough, or difficulty breathing. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild.

**Do not go to a GP surgery or hospital.**

**Stay at home for 7 days if you have either:**

- **a high temperature**
- **a new, continuous cough**

Self-isolation advice is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

Please phone our GP surgery to let us know you are staying at home, especially if you require support and advice.

**For Urgent Advice: Use the NHS 111 online coronavirus assessment tool via <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>**

**Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.**

Further information is available on [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Everyone is being reminded to follow Public Health England advice to:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

**You can find the latest information and advice from  
Public Health England at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

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