



Having your baby at Whipps Cross during the pandemic?

Following the latest government announcement on maternity visiting guidance in December 2020, we have been working hard to ensure we can accommodate the changes recommended and reflect the guidance in our current policy.

Please see below for a summary of our current visitor policy for Whipps Cross hospital.

Pregnancy

Baby scans:

One adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother to every baby scan.

Clinic settings (Community clinics, Antenatal clinic) **and DAU** (Day assessment Unit): No visitors currently permitted

Maternity Triage & Labour Ward:

One adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother 24/7 every day. No swapping of birthing partners

Mulberry Ward:

Antenatal admission: one adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother **11:00-17:00 hrs** every day. No swapping

Induction of labour (IOL): one adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother **08:00-20:00 hrs** every day. No swapping of birthing partners

Maternity Mates

Mothers who are under the care of Maternity Mates (scheme for mothers in need of extra support) can also have their Maternity Mate present during the visiting hours.

Labour and Birth

Maternity Triage & Labour Ward

One adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother 24/7 every day. No swapping of birthing partners

Lilac Birth Centre

One adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother 24/7 every day. No swapping of birthing partners

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After the baby has arrived (Postnatal)

Clinic settings (community clinics):

No visitors currently permitted.

Maternity Triage, Lilac Birth Centre and Labour Ward:

One adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother 24/7 every day. No swapping of birthing partners

Mulberry Ward:

Postnatal admission: one adult visitor, without Covid symptoms, can accompany the mother **11:00-17:00 hrs** every day. No swapping of birthing partners

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NB: Please note there will be no swapping of birthing partners for the duration of women's stay.