

Local information for parents in Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, and Westminster

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How to access local emergency services during coronavirus

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but it's usually less serious than in adults. If your child has a high temperature or any other health problems that you would like advice about, call your GP or 111. If you need urgent help, call 999.

Children and babies will still get illnesses that can make them very unwell quickly. It's important to get medical help if you need it. GPs, NHS 111, and hospitals are still open.

If you need non-urgent help, please phone your GP surgery. They will arrange a phone or video appointment. Your GP surgery is making special efforts to protect children from the risk of infection, e.g. using a separate entrance, if you are asked to go in.

It is vital that you still get help at this time. If you do not have a GP, or can't get through to your GP surgery, call 111.

If you need urgent help, call 999.

The table below has information on local services **for children** (updated December 2020).

St Mary's Children's A&E and Urgent Treatment Centre	Charing Cross Urgent Treatment Centre	Chelsea & Westminster Children's A&E and Urgent Treatment Centre	Hammersmith Urgent Treatment Centre	St Charles Urgent Treatment Centre
Open 24hrs 7 days a week	Open 24hrs 7 days a week	Open 24hrs 7 days a week	Open only to appointments made by referral from NHS 111 or your GP	Open only to appointments made by referral from NHS 111 or your GP

What are Children's A&E departments currently doing to keep your child safe from coronavirus?

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we have taken measures to ensure that children and families who need to access our emergency services can do so safely:

- One parent or carer can accompany their child at all times. We are limiting visitors to this except in special circumstances
- There are alcohol gel and hand washing facilities for you to use throughout the department. If it is appropriate, we will give you and your child a mask
- We have divided our children's emergency department into **separate areas**
- When you arrive, a nurse will ask some brief questions to decide which area you should be seen in
- Children with any infectious symptoms are seen in one area. We are keeping families safe by isolating them in cubicles where possible
- Non-infectious cases are being managed in the other area
- You might be redirected to see a specialist away from the emergency department
- All the staff looking after children and families are following strict infection control practice, with regular hand washing and use of alcohol gel and PPE when examining your child

Useful websites:

What parents need to know about Covid-19: <https://what0-18.nhs.uk/popular-topics/coronavirus>

Local health services websites:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital website: <https://www.chelwest.nhs.uk/>

Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust website: <https://www.imperial.nhs.uk/>

Central London Community Healthcare website: <https://www.clch.nhs.uk/>

NHS 111 Online: <http://www.111.nhs.uk>