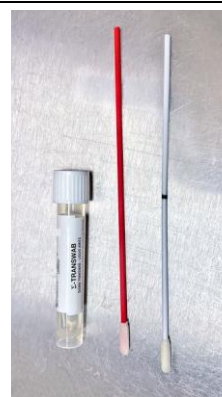


Testing for Coronavirus (COVID 19) in the Royal Berkshire Hospital 'drive-thru'

This leaflet is for people with a learning disability.

It tells you what will happen if you need to go for a test for Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the hospital (RBH).

- To do a test for Coronavirus we will use a swab.
- A **swab** is like a big cotton wool bud.
- It is wiped on your skin so we can test for an illness.
- This test does not hurt. The hospital staff do these tests all the time and will be very gentle.



- You will go in a car to the hospital car park (South Block).
- A hospital worker wearing a face mask will be waiting for you.
- They will write down your name.



- Your car will then drive into the white tent in the car park and stop.
- The health worker doing the test will greet you. They will be wearing an apron, gloves, a face mask and a face shield. This is to keep you safe.
- **The health worker will tell you what they are going to do. You can ask questions if you want to.**



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- They will then put the **swab** into your mouth and rub it at the back of your throat.
- It does not hurt but may feel tickly or uncomfortable.
- You may be asked to say 'Aaaaahhh' and to stick your tongue out.



- Next they will put the **swab** up your nose and rub it around a bit.
- This will not hurt, but it may feel a bit tickly and uncomfortable.



- When the swabs are removed they will be put in a special container and be sent off for testing.
- We will tell you how long it will take to get the results of your test.



The RBH Learning Disability Liaison Nurses, Jane and Catherine, are there to help you and your family or carers. Ask the ward staff if you want to speak to them.

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