

What to expect if someone I know goes into hospital with coronavirus



Some people who have coronavirus do not know they have coronavirus.

They feel well, or feel as if they have a cold.



Some people who have coronavirus feel poorly.



People who have coronavirus may:

- have a high temperature
- have a cough
- lose or have a change in their sense of taste or smell

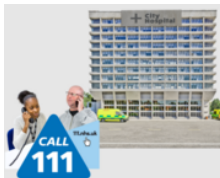


Most people who have coronavirus will self-isolate at home and will start to feel better after a few days.



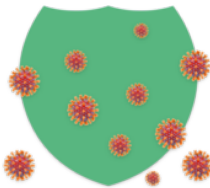
Some people who have coronavirus need more help to get better.

These people may need to go to hospital.



People might need to go to hospital because of coronavirus if:

- they are finding it hard to breathe
- a doctor or NHS 111 tells them to go to hospital



If people have to go to hospital because of coronavirus, the doctors and nurses will have to take special care to make sure that other people do not catch the virus.



If someone you know is in hospital with coronavirus, you will need to check the rules about visiting the hospital.



You might not be able to visit the person in hospital.



Some people with coronavirus will get very poorly and sometimes they will die.



We have [easy read information about going to a funeral and how you might feel when someone dies on our website.](#)



Lots of people who go to hospital because of coronavirus will get better and will come home.



If you are able to visit the person in hospital, you might have to wear glasses, aprons, gloves and face masks.



This is to help keep you and other people safe.



If you cannot go to the hospital, find out if there is someone you can phone at the hospital who can tell you how the person is.



If you cannot go to the hospital, you might be able to speak to the person you know on the phone or using video call.



You might be able to send the person a card or a gift to let them know you are thinking of them.



You could think about the good times you have had with the person and plan what you would like to do together when they are better.



For more information about going in to hospital with coronavirus, or visiting someone in hospital who has coronavirus, [visit our website.](#)



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