

# COVID-19 Guidance for people going on leave or being discharged from wards

To protect yourself and others.

## HELP CONTROL THE VIRUS

The legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies. However, the government suggests that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

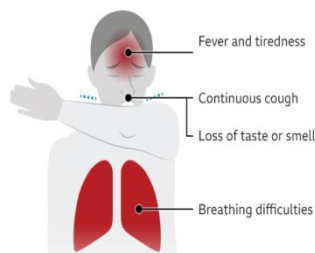
**Face coverings and face masks will continue to be required in health and care settings to comply with infection prevention and control (IPC) and adult social care guidance. This includes hospitals and primary or community care settings, such as GP surgeries. They must also be worn by everyone accessing or visiting care homes.**

You are required to wear a face covering on entering these healthcare settings and must keep it on until you leave unless you are exempt or have a reasonable excuse for removing it.

**Trust guidance on wearing face masks has not changed, and the advice continues to promote the use of face masks on HPFT premises.**

If you are being discharged from the ward, please access the .GOV Website for updated information on COVID restrictions: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## WHILST ON LEAVE, IF YOU DEVELOP ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS



PHONE 111 FOR ADVICE

AND

CONTACT THE WARD

If you have developed any of these coronavirus symptoms, please phone the ward before returning, to gain advice on how best we can support you whilst also protecting the other service users on the ward.

On your return to ward you will be asked to isolate and be re-swabbed.