

Memorandum

To: Health Boards in Wales

From: Antenatal Screening Wales Date: 12 July 2022

**Re: Antenatal Screening Wales response to coronavirus
(COVID-19)**

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Antenatal Screening Wales

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) have published guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection and Pregnancy.

www.rcog.org.uk/coronavirus-pregnancy

Women should be advised to attend routine antenatal care unless they need to self-isolate. For further information and guidance, please see-

[Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19 | GOV.WALES](#)

Some of the antenatal screening tests have optimum gestations to be performed within. Other screening tests have specific timeframes that the test will need to be performed within. The proposed pathway below indicates where there is flexibility in the timescales. The main principle is to offer appointments at the earliest opportunity. This gives scope to reappoint if the woman is self-isolating or the clinic needs to be rearranged due to staffing shortages, and should result in the woman having timely access to the antenatal screening tests.

The RCOG has advised that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommended schedule of antenatal care should be offered in full wherever possible.

If the screening pathway needs to be changed significantly for a woman then please contact Antenatal Screening Wales and this can be discussed with a member of the team on a case by case basis.

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Proposed Pathway for Antenatal screening tests during coronavirus (COVID-19)

