

## COVID-19 Rheumatology update - May 26<sup>th</sup> 2020

Adult & Adolescent Rheumatology service **outpatient clinic appointments** in **June 2020** will be either telephone consultations or rescheduled to later this year. Changes to your appointment will be communicated to you by text or letter or UCLH My Chart. A small number of patients may need to attend a face to face consultation. These patients will be notified by phone.

Updates about the July 2020 appointments will be communicated towards the end of June 2020.

We encourage patients to continue with their blood monitoring tests.

Infusion clinics continue to run but the date, time or location may change. We will notify you if there is a change to your appointment details.

If you take immunosuppressant medications, you will need to take precautions during this coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The [British Society for Rheumatology](#) has developed a [risk stratification guide](#) that explains how patients are assessed and the precautions they have to take. The links and websites below explain what precautions patients have to take for each category.

1. Patients to [shield](#)
2. Patients to [self-isolate or social distance at their discretion](#)
3. Patients to maintain [social distance](#)

We have reviewed the medical records of our patients and issued letters to those who require shielding.

Further information on COVID-19 and your health can be found on the [Versus-Arthritis website](#), [Gov UK](#), [NHS](#), and [Public Health England](#) websites.