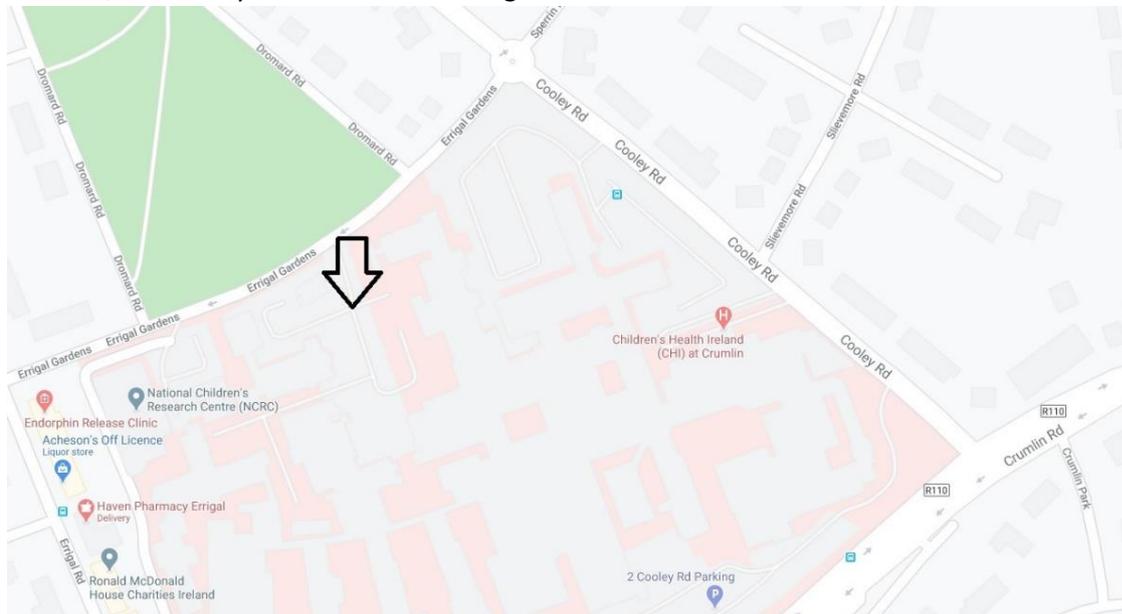


# CHI Crumlin COVID 19 Tests Information

Pre-operative COVID 19 tests, for patients over 1 years of age, are carried out in a car park at the back of the hospital. This car park is entered at Gate 4. The Gate 4 entrance is the first left turn on Errigal Gardens, marked by the arrow in this image:



There is a security barrier at the entrance. Press the buzzer and say to Security that you are here for a COVID 19 test.



Once you're passed the Gate 4 security barrier, turn left, and park in front of the COVID 19 testing centre portacabin. It is in the left hand corner of the car park, marked by the arrow in this image:



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- The COVID 19 test is done on the patient only and not on parents.
- The patient does not need to fast for the test. Please don't give food or drink to the patient directly before the test, as the throat swab may cause the patient to retch.
- This is a drive up service and you are asked to remain in your car.
- If another car is already parked in front of the portacabin, you can park alongside it or in one of the other spots reserved for those attending for tests.
- While waiting for the patient's test, please turn off your car engine.
- The patient can sit in their normal seat in the car.
- A single swab is taken with that one swab placed firstly in the back of the throat and then a high nasal position as per the current COVID 19 testing guidelines.
- The test centre staff will ask you if they want you to help hold the patient while the test swabs are being taken.
- If the test centre staff believe that the patient is acutely unwell at the time of their test, then they will advise you to bring the patient to the Emergency Department.
- The test result should be known to the patient's medical team by that evening.
- After the test is complete, you then drive off from the testing area following the car park's one way layout and keeping the large green bicycle shed on your right.
- It is recommended that the patient and their family minimise their risk of exposure in the patient's preoperative period. More information is available at:
  - <https://www.olchc.ie/Children-Family/Preparing-for-your-Hospital-Visit/>
- If you are being admitted to the hospital later on the same day, the Admissions Office will be able to advise you as to when the patient's bed is available.
- Please do not take any photos at the time of the patient's COVID 19 test.
- Patients under 1 year of age are tested inside the hospital. The COVID 19 testing centre portacabin may be unattended if the staff are doing tests elsewhere. If you arrive at the test centre at your appointment time and it is unattended, please ring the hospital switchboard on 01 409 6100 and they will connect you to the COVID 19 testing centre staff.
- If you want to contact the staff in the COVID 19 testing centre portacabin, please phone the hospital 01 409 6100, extension 2150. It is attended from 8am until noon.