

Neurofibromatosis & COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



Additional information concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19) for people diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis

Nerve Tumours UK is fully dedicated to the health and well-being of our NF community, and as such issues the following information as the outbreak has now started to impact our community.

People should check with their own doctors if in any doubt, and we strongly recommend that you follow all Government & national medical guidelines during this period.

NF1

People diagnosed with NF1 are at increased risk of catching the virus if:

- They have respiratory problems e.g. asthma, chronic obstructive lung disease, respiratory problems secondary to scoliosis or neurofibromas
- Are on chemotherapy or immunosuppressants including steroids
- Are aged over 70 years

NF2

Patients with a loss of vocal cord function and difficulty swallowing will be a bit more susceptible to respiratory infections and may want to limit contact and non-urgent hospital appointments.

There is no evidence that those on Avastin, or who are otherwise in good health, are more at risk

The Nerve Tumours UK National Helpline will continue to operate as normal for the foreseeable future. The head office team will be working from remote locations for the next few weeks, and if you need to contact them, please do so on the following email address info@nervetumours.org.uk

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