Daily COVID-19 update

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- Testing of household contacts with symptoms of COVID-19

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We've already seen household contacts being tested as part of our new testing arrangements and want to thank everyone involved.

We have received some initial feedback that suggests that some people are having difficulty accessing the online form so we have provided a direct link for managers for ease.

Please see below the testing arrangement that have been introduced within NHSGGC.

The current guidance for staff with a household member who develops symptoms consistent with COVID-19 is that you **MUST** remain at home for 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms.

New testing arrangements have been introduced to enable symptomatic household contacts of staff working in priority areas to be tested for COVID-19. Where the results are negative, this will enable the staff member to return to work sooner than the required 14 days.

If you are a healthcare worker without symptoms but with a symptomatic household member, please inform your manager.

Given the pressure on testing capacity, priority is being given to those service areas with greatest staffing pressures. Testing slots will be allocated to referrals received from those services experiencing greater absence and/or pressure.

If your manager considers the testing of your household contact to be a priority, **they will complete** an online form. If your household contact is to be offered a test, they will be emailed and sent an appointment slot with one of our testing facilities. If the household contact is a child the appointment will go to their parent or guardian.

Please note that all testing will be done by appointment and the results will be sent to your household contact by text.

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The full details of the testing arrangements are available on our dedicated webpages.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Staff are reminded to make sure their personal contact details are up to date on eESS.

Are your contact details up-to-date? Click here to check