

Core brief

Daily update
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Lateral Flow Testing – Making it work

The advice to undertake Lateral Flow testing before we meet up with others means that for many of us we are now doing more than two Lateral Flow Tests per week to ensure we keep ourselves, patients and loved ones safe.

It is important that we don't just take these tests but also report the results, but don't worry – this needn't take up lots of time! If you haven't already registered for an account on the [Online Portal for NHS staff](#), please do so – it makes reporting results simple and quick. Did you know that you can report results from the last eight days in the one go!

Whilst we recommend that you report the day you take the test, if it's easier to report your results once a week, that's fine, just please keep doing it. Thank you to everyone who is regularly testing and reporting results, it's a key part in keeping us all safe during this time of the new variant.

Clinical governance and correct use of urine pregnancy tests (UPT)

A safety action notice has recently been distributed by NSS regarding the correct use of urine pregnancy tests (UPT) and its clinical governance:

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Info%20Centre/Health%20and%20Safety/Corporate%20Health%20and%20Safety/Documents/2021%20Alerts/SAN2111.pdf>

The requirement is all clinical areas conducting urine pregnancy tests should have clinical governance arrangements in place.

Within NHSGGC governance arrangements have been set up through the NHSGGC Point of Care Testing (POCT) Committee and the notice re-enforces our commitment to register all users, and many sites have already done so. Please can we ask any clinical area that has not already registered their UPT service to contact their local POCT team below who will be able provide further details including standard operating procedures, record keeping, quality and training requirements.

Clyde Sector: Clyde.BiochemistryPOCT@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
North Sector: NorthGlasgow.BiochemistryPOCT@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
South Sector: SouthGlasgow.BiochemistryPOCT@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Christmas fire safety

As the festive season approaches, it's important to remember to stay safe over the period. During this time of year, the risk of fire can be further increased with the introduction into the workplace of Christmas trees and decorations, electrical lighting, Christmas parcels and packaging materials.

Therefore, if you require more information or any further advice regarding Christmas fire safety, contact your local Fire Safety Officer or click on the link below for further information:

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Acute/Facilities/Fire%20Safety/Pages/FSH.aspx>

COVID-19: Key Safety Theme - Remember to adhere to Maximum Occupancy

As part of the physical distancing control measures in place, the maximum occupancy of rooms and offices should be displayed on the doors. Please check the occupancy limits on entry (including lifts) and do not breach the maximum number.

Managers should ensure that the number of chairs in an area does not exceed the maximum occupancy. Excess chairs should be removed from the area or taped off to avoid use.

For shared rooms, such as meeting rooms and rest areas, Managers should liaise with each other to ensure the risk assessed control measures are maintained.

Information relation to Physical Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Physical Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here: SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk



Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:

		
Register your kit	Test twice per week	Record your results

Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19

Help stop the spread!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-stafftesting

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: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

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