

Core brief

Daily update
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Lateral Flow Test Kits

Although infection levels are beginning to stabilise in the community, it is important all staff keep testing twice weekly. There is plenty of stock available and as such, services can continue to order as and when required. From Monday 11 April, any LFD kits ordered through PECOS will receive Orient Gene (7) kits. An order for 1 unit through PECOS will result in a pack of 4 boxes each containing 7 tests being dispatched (28 tests). This is to recognise that having more than 7 may aid staff who are testing more than twice per week or are returning from isolation. The number of units being ordered through PECOS should therefore continue to reflect the number of staff requiring them i.e. order 1 unit per staff member.

The staff LFT webpages have now migrated to the new NHSGGC website. The previous links and resources are all still available so simply update your favourites shortcut with the new link: [Lateral Flow Testing \(LFT\) - Information for staff - NHSGGC](#)

As always, it is important that staff continue to report all their results on the [Online Portal](#) regardless of whether they are positive or negative. Thank you for your support in continuing to keep everyone safe.

Social distancing update

The Scottish Government has issued revised COVID-19 guidance. NHSGGC are working to implement all the changes but this needs to be done in a planned way to ensure the safety of both patients and staff.

In relation to Physical Distancing the current position is:

- Staff must continue to wear a Type IIR FRSM at all times other than when they are eating and drinking
- Physical distancing of two metres will remain in place in all canteens/staff rest areas
- It is recommended that a blended approach to include working from home should continue where possible
- If increasing capacity into offices etc., the Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulation requirement for 4.2metres squared (11 metres cubed) per person should be adhered to
- Staff are reminded that they need to continue to carry out twice weekly LFTs and record the results
- Physical distancing may be reduced in outpatient areas to facilitate the throughput of patients but waiting areas must not be allowed to become overcrowded. Patients should be encouraged to wear a Type IIR FRSM at all times, where it can be tolerated and only removed when required for treatment

- Risk Assessments should be reviewed and updated accordingly.

Change in testing requirements for recovered COVID-19 patients returning to Care or Residential homes

If a COVID-19 recovered patient is discharged to their care home before their 10 days of isolation has ended then only **one** negative PCR test is now required, taken preferably within 48 hours prior to discharge.

Corkerhill Road closure – 19 April

Scottish Water will be carrying out further works in the Mosspark area, which will result in the closure of Corkerhill Road to through traffic from 19 April for approximately six weeks. This is in addition to the existing closure of Mosspark Drive. More information is available from [Scottish Water](#). This will also result in diversions for local bus services. More information on this is available from [First Glasgow](#).



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.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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