

Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update (22 April 2020, 5.25pm)

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Staff testing update

Our Staff Testing Service continues to expand helping more staff to return to work as soon as it's safe to do so from a period of self-isolation. This includes testing staff, as well as testing the unwell household contacts of well staff.

We have developed a staff testing infographic ([available here](#)) to help clarify who should have a test... and video clips of what to expect at the test centre will be released tomorrow. Testing is only carried out on individuals who have had symptoms of COVID-19.

Testing is now available for staff and household contacts in independent care homes across GGC. Care home managers are requested to complete the eReferral form for eligible staff [eform available here](#) . Agency staff who deliver services in Care Homes and Home Care can also be referred by the service manager using the above form.

For staff who do not have access to a car, we are putting in place arrangements to enable you to get tested. Transport is limited so will only be provided for staff who cannot access other private transport. Enter 'NO CAR' into the car registration field on the eReferral form.

Working with the media

COVID-19 continues to dominate media coverage and Scottish media are looking to work with NHSScotland staff to enable them to cover the pandemic from a local perspective. The press office have been busy fielding calls and managing many bids for interview and we are grateful to the many colleagues who have agreed to take part in TV, radio and print interviews to explain how you are responding to the outbreak.

As part of this, we are working with BBC to film a documentary about how the UK is responding to the crisis. A number of our community and acute services are participating in this documentary, which will be shown across the BBC network next year, and a small crew will be filming them over the coming weeks. The filming will comply with social distancing and infection control protocols as well as the usual protocols for media consent for individuals participating.

We know that some of you have been approached direct by journalists. If you are approached for a comment or an interview, you should continue to follow the standard protocols for this and refer the media to the press office on 0141 201 4429.

Some of you have also asked about involving the media in appeals for items for patients. Again, you should contact the press office for advice and shouldn't contact the media direct.

End of life care visiting

Last week (16 April) we provided a link to updated guidance on end of life care visiting, care of the deceased and bereavement support with COVID-19. Can staff please note that family members who have visited a patient do not need to self-isolate if they are asymptomatic and have worn PPE.

However, if the family member has symptoms they should be advised that they will require to self-isolate for 14 days from the last contact with the patient.

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](#).



Going Home Checklist

Consider **three** things that went well, and be **proud** of what you did at work today...

Now switch your attention to home.

Hard to switch off? There is help

www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19/staffsupport



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