

Daily update (5 December 2025, 16.27pm)

Important information – universal use of masks in NHSGGC

Following a review of the current flu epidemiological situation, including a number of outbreaks that have led to some wards being closed, NHSGGC's Infection Prevention and Control Team, in liaison with senior management, ask all staff working in clinical areas to wear Fluid Resistant Surgical Masks (FRSM).

As it is Friday it is understood that teams will take a few days to put this into place.

Staff are advised to wear FRSM for the duration of their shifts, not only while delivering direct patient care. In addition, we ask that they follow guidance described in the <u>National Infection Prevention and Control Manual</u> and summarised in the Core Brief on 4th December.

Management teams responsible for non-clinical areas are also asked to review the risk and staff sickness rate as it affects them and decide on universal use of FRSM based on these factors.

The advice will also apply to all visitors to our hospitals, in line with actions being taken by other Scottish Health Boards.

We will keep this developing situation under review and we will advise of any changes, including when it is safe for the use of FRSM to be discontinued, as appropriate.

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