

Core brief

Daily update
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Message from Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director – Lateral Flow Testing

[Jennifer Armstrong, Medical Director](#), thanks staff for their outstanding work over the last 18 months and stresses the importance of staff continuing to undertake Lateral Flow Testing and reporting the results on the portal. It is the ongoing use of Lateral Flow Testing and reporting of the results which is key to helping us to identify COVID cases and take action to stop it spreading as we move forward.



Work Locations and NHSGGC Arrangements

As Scotland moves to beyond Level 0 from 9 August, NHSGGC staff should continue to work from home where practicable.

NHSGGC is currently developing its work location principles which will be implemented alongside the new National Work Location Policy. However, to allow this to be developed effectively current working arrangements will remain.

Over the coming weeks we will review relevant guidance and risk assessment processes to be carried out for all staff who are currently working from home. We will also ensure that managers ensure continual engagement and monitoring of home working arrangements with staff and seek to ensure a minimum face to face interaction to discuss support and mental health and wellbeing

For those staff who wish to return or who are already in the workplace:

- Existing arrangements in relation to two metre social distancing, hygiene and face masks remain in place across NHSGGC
- Completion and review of workplace risk assessments should continue
- Staff should continue to administer and record Lateral Flow Testing.

Note: Wherever possible, two metre social distancing remains in place across NHSGGC following the 9 August.

Stay COVID Safe

Do not congregate or participate in gatherings of any nature including leaving parties, retirements and birthday celebrations. Consider alternative methods such as Teams calls.

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



The poster features the NHSGGC Excellence Awards logo at the top left and the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde logo at the top right. The central text reads 'Nominate your NHS Hero' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'The Excellence Awards celebrate innovation and the outstanding difference made by our staff who go that extra mile for their patients.' At the bottom, it encourages nominations with the website 'www.nhsggc.org.uk/excellenceawards' and a closing date of '20 August'. The background is decorated with several star-shaped cutouts containing photos of diverse NHS staff members.

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

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