

Core brief

Daily update
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Lateral Flow Testing

We are pleased to advise that for staff who are eligible for lateral flow testing at work, the test portal where you register your results has been updated.

This means when you have registered for an account to record your lateral flow test results, you will only need to enter the details of the test you have taken and its result. You can do this via the Covid Test Portal: www.covidtestingportal.scot. We appreciate that placing your results in the portal did take time and we hope the changes to the portal will encourage you to load your results more frequently.

We encourage all eligible staff to take part. You must test twice per week, unless you are using PCR and only need to use LFT once, however if you have tested positive through PCR you should not commence/recommence the LFT testing programme until after 90 days of your positive test. More detailed advice can be found on our [website](#).

Staff using the Lateral Flow testing kit are reminded that if you register a negative test result, but you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, as well as self-isolating you must book a PCR test through either [NHS Inform](#) or the [staff testing site](#).

[Gayle Cooney](#), Consultant Clinical Psychologist, talks about her experience of Lateral Flow Testing in the video below.



We will be issuing more information about lateral flow later in the week.

COVID-19 Vaccination for Unpaid Carers – Self-Referral Process

As part of the JCVI Priority Group 6, the COVID-19 vaccine is now being offered to unpaid carers aged 16-64 who provide face-to-face care for someone else. Some carers may have already received appointment letters over the last few weeks, however today the Scottish Government launched a new self-referral system for carers to register for the vaccine.

For full eligibility details and to self-refer, carers can go to: www.nhsinform.scot/carersregister. Alternatively they can call the COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline on 0800 030 8013 to complete the registration from.

Please remember carers can still receive all types of support from local carer services. For more information please visit the [carer pages on the NHSGGC website](#). To refer a carer to these services staff can call 0141 353 6504.

To keep up to date with all carer-related information follow us on [Twitter](#). If anyone has any questions or concerns they can contact Jennifer.Watt@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

COVID-19 vaccination programme – we want to hear your views

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the Public Health Scotland survey on the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

There is still time to respond and in particular they are keen to hear from more people who haven't had the vaccine and those who work in social care or come from a minority ethnic background as these voices are currently underrepresented in the survey responses.

The survey is completely confidential. Your individual answers will not be shared with your employer, and all responses are anonymised.

The survey should take 10 minutes to complete and is open until the 19 March 2021.

Please click [here](#) for more information and to access the survey.

SIREN study

We previously issued in a [Core Brief on 24 February](#) information calling for staff who work within Glasgow Royal Infirmary, QEUH and the Beatson to take part in the SIREN study (SARS-CoV2 Immunity & Reinfection Evaluation) – to help determine whether previous infection and/or vaccination reduces the risk of future infection.



The information leaflet in the previous Core Brief has now been updated. [Click here to view the updated leaflet](#).

M8 roadworks

Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, are undertaking emergency maintenance on the bridges of the eastbound and westbound M8 Junctions 16 to Junction 17 Woodside Viaduct from Friday 12 March 2021.

In addition, structural investigations on the M8, between Junctions 15 and 27, are taking place from Monday 15 March until Sunday 4 April 2021. Work will be carried out overnight during the hours of 8pm and 6am, each night. This will result in various closures/diversions for these junctions, which include junctions accessing the QEUH.

More information is [available here](#).



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](#).

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