

# Core brief

## **Daily COVID-19 update (30 March 2020, 7.10pm)**

We are committed to ensuring that staff have the information they need to know to respond to the current COVID-19 situation.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19). We are continually updating these webpages with new information and ask colleagues to check this regularly. If staff have any questions about the current situation please check the [FAQs](#) first. If staff have any further questions, please email: [staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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

## **Updated guidance for health workers with underlying health conditions**

We have received updated guidance from the Scottish Government for health workers with underlying health conditions. We have included details in our FAQs, and also updated our Risk Assessment. You can see the guidance and all other documents on our [website](#).

## **Reassignment of staff**

During this pandemic, we are asking all staff to support colleagues across NHSGGC. You may be working from home or currently be based in an area which is not core to our COVID-19, however arrangements may need to change as demands for staff increase. We would urge all staff to assist where possible and this will be greatly appreciated. In order to support staff and managers we have created an Orientation Pack which you can find [here](#).

## **Updated clinical FAQs**

The COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions guidance prepared by the Infectious Diseases Team for clinical staff has been updated on the Coronavirus Information Hub, found on the [front page of StaffNet](#). The latest guidance is published today 30 March 2020. This will continue to be updated as the situation changes and new information comes to hand.

## **Point of Care Testing (POCT) Hemocue Hb and WBC devices**

New guidance has been produced by the NHSGGC POCT Committee for the use of Hemocue Hb and WBC devices in patients with suspected or positive COVID-19. These POCT devices are used in MAU (VOL), theatres and other locations in Secondary Care across NHSGGC.

Before trained staff begin testing it is important they read and fully understand the risk assessment, and use their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with the devices following the PPE and decontamination guidance detailed in the risk assessment.

The risk assessment, along with other approved risk assessments for Point of Care Testing in COVID-19 patients can be found on our dedicated [NHSGGC Point of Care Testing StaffNet page](#).

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## Please remember to wash your hands

Follow the correct hand washing procedure

[www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus](http://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus)



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