

Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update

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Testing of household contacts with symptoms of COVID-19

More than 600 people have now attended the testing centres as part of our household testing programme. Under the programme, we are currently testing symptomatic household contacts of staff to enable staff members to return to work if the result is negative sooner than the required 14 days period of self-isolation

If you are at home due to a household member having developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19, then please inform your manager and complete the online form. Arrangements will then be made for your household contact to be tested.

All testing will be done by appointment and the results will be sent to your household contact or their parent or guardian by text. Currently appointments are being made within 24 hours of the form being submitted.

The full details of the testing arrangements are available on [our dedicated webpages](#).

Many staff have been asking about the possibility of testing symptomatic staff. It has now been agreed that testing will begin for **symptomatic staff** over the next few days once we have adapted the referral process. Further details will be shared with colleagues later this week.

Colleagues have also been asking about the possibility of being referred to the testing facility at Glasgow Airport. This facility has been set up by the UK Government for all key workers and it has been agreed that this can be made available if demand exceeds capacity within our own testing facilities. At this stage we have sufficient capacity within our own arrangements for health and social care staff within Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Offer of 3D visors

Colleagues will have read of the many kind offers from schools and businesses to help us with the production of visors. We have been inundated with these offers and are extremely grateful to everyone who has contacted us. Clearly these are of interest to us however the safety of our staff is paramount and therefore we must ensure the quality of the products through these offers. We are currently working through them all to test and verify that quality. Our procurement team also continue to source and distribute bulk orders.

If you are approached with offers of visors, please send the details of this to our Procurement Team on their dedicated COVID-19 email:

COVID-19@GGCprocurementcustomerservices.zendesk.com

Shielding

You may be aware of the work that has been undertaken to respond to the requirements of the nationally led approach to 'Shielding' of patients at particularly high risk of severe morbidity and mortality should they get COVID-19. There are a number of categories of patients at specific high risk who have been written to by the Chief Medical Officer advising them to stay at home for 12 weeks. Examples of diagnoses include some specific cancers, solid organ transplant recipients, severe lung disease and those on immunosuppressant therapy. The purpose of the exercise is to ensure the individuals identified as those that require 'shielding', receive the correct support in the community to stay at home. Contact is being made through the process with the relevant teams in HSCPs and Local Authorities. The key requirement for us is to cross check all relevant clinical systems and patients with the clinical teams and GPs. Should you get any enquires from patients who may have received a letter, direct them to the NHS Inform website and look under the Shielding section where they can be signposted to where they can seek appropriate support.

Should you personally have received a letter then you must follow advice and stay at home for 12 weeks and contact your line manager. If you think you perhaps should be in any of the Shielding categories then contact your GP who will advise.

NHS Louisa Jordan update – 08 April 2020

[Click here](#) to access the latest update on NHS Louisa Jordan.

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

Take a moment to think about your day and acknowledge the **most difficult thing** at work today... **then let it go.**

Hard to switch off? There is help

www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19/staffsupport



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