

Core brief

**Daily COVID-19 update
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Working from Home Guidance

The COVID-19 outbreak has necessitated a rapid switch for a number of staff to work from home on a temporary basis. For home working to be effective there are a number of approaches which both employers and employees can follow to ensure that you continue to be supported whilst undertaking your role from a different location. As a result we have developed a Working from Home Guide and you can access this [here](#).

Test of change on PPE decontamination

NHSGGC senior clinicians are leading on a trial to looking at methods to safely decontaminate some types of PPE allowing for their reuse. This trial is in its very early stages and both HPS and HFS are aware and are advising us on issues around validation and safety. The work will also become part of a 4 Nations UK proposal on how to safely decontaminate PPE.

Be assured that this is a trial in its very early stages and that this will not be progressed without full approval from external experts and organisations, e.g. MHRA, HSE, HPS, HFS, SG. There is no clinical aspect to this test of change at present. No member of staff is being asked to use a decontaminated mask.

Thank you to all the staff who have collected PPE to allow NHSGGC to progress this initiative thus far.

Sessional Use of PPE

NHS 4 Nations Infection Prevention Control Guidance was updated recently and now advises us that certain PPE, i.e. masks and gowns can now be used on a sessional basis, for example, a session might be a ward round or taking observations of several patients in a cohort area or bay. The duration of a single session will vary depending on the clinical activity being undertaken. Masks should be discarded at the end of each session as single use items.

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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