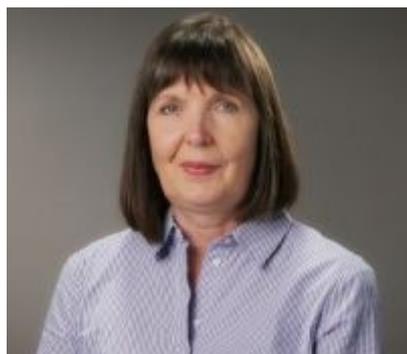


Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update (28 April 2020, 3.45pm)

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Message from the NHSGGC Employee Director, Dorothy McErlean

Dorothy McErlean, Employee Director and Chair of Joint Trade Unions and Professional Organisations, sends a personal message to staff on International Workers Memorial Day.

Guidance for pregnant workers

Further to the updated guidance yesterday we just want to clarify the following. For pregnant women from 28 weeks' gestation, or with underlying health conditions such as heart or lung disease at any gestation, it is recommended that you stay at home. If you fall into this category you should discuss this with your Line Manager asap who will complete a risk assessment and make suitable arrangements with you.

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 28 April 2020.

Rapid antibody test in development to support the fight against COVID-19

We are collaborating on the development of an accurate and reliable antibody test in the fight against COVID-19. This involves NHSGGC clinicians, the biorepository team, clinical research nurses and is coordinated through Scottish Health Innovations Ltd.

Using a finger prick blood sample, the test will establish if a person has acquired antibodies to the COVID-19 virus. The presence of antibodies as markers of viral immunity is widely used in clinical practice to indicate exposure to a virus and a degree of immunity.

This is one example of our R&D COVID-19 approach as we try to improve the diagnosis, management and treatment of coronavirus.

For further information, please contact Clare Orange, NHSGGC Bio-Repository Manager
Clare.orange@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Guidance on use of facial coverings in public

The Scottish Government is recommending that people consider using face coverings in public as a precautionary measure. This is not mandatory and will not be enforced. For more information, visit:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-use-of-face-coverings/>

Observing the minute's silence

Staff across NHSGGC observed the International Workers Memorial Day minute's silence this morning. We've captured a couple of photos below.



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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