

# Core brief

**Daily COVID-19 update**  
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## Life on the Frontline

In today's [Life on the Frontline video Vicki Mazzoni](#), Lead Midwife, Princess Royal Maternity explains that while some elements of her work might have changed '*babies will keep on coming*'. Vicki also talks about why she is so proud of her daughter.



## RAPID-19 research study

Earlier this month we asked staff and their children to take part in a research project looking at the impact of COVID-19 on children.

The response was great and the team conducting the study took bloods from 220 children over the weekend in the first phase of a three phase research study and are looking forward to seeing them all again in about two months for phase two.

The process on the day ran very smoothly with people arriving to a designated area in the car park, completing paperwork and then being chaperoned, observing social distancing, to the clinic room where bloods were taken. They left via a different exit where the children received a 'COVID WARRIOR' certificate and sweet treat.

All the children and young people were brilliant and we want to thank staff and their young superstars for taking part.

### **Reminder of testing for NHSGGC health and social care staff with COVID-19 symptoms**

All health and social care staff in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, including GPs and dentists, community pharmacists, care home and homecare staff who have symptoms (fever of  $\geq 37.8$  C, new persistent cough or loss of sense of smell or taste) are eligible for testing and should be referred for testing within the first 5 days of symptoms. This also applies to symptomatic household contacts.

The [Staff Testing Referral Form](#) can be used for both line manager referral and staff self-referral for themselves or their symptomatic household contact. It should be agreed between the member of staff and the line manager who will complete the referral to ensure that it is submitted and that the member of staff/household contacted is tested. Please note that the current form does not currently include anosmia (loss of sense of smell or taste) and staff should select one of the other symptoms for now.

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). 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](mailto:staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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