

Core brief

Daily update

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Dr Nicola Steedman, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Scotland



Dr [Nicola Steedman, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Scotland](#), sends a thank you message to staff for everything that you're doing to keep yourselves, your patients and Scotland safe.

She also reinforces the importance of routine asymptomatic testing even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. This testing enables staff who may not know they have COVID, to self-isolate early meaning there is less risk to patients, colleagues and families.

So please continue to test yourself twice weekly, regardless if on leave or what your shift patterns might be and report the results regularly.

Lateral Flow Testing - Information for staff



When will you receive your testing kit?

If you work in **Acute or Mental Health areas**, you will already have received your testing kit

If you are **eligible community based staff**, you will have received your testing kit through your HSCP



£500 COVID Bonus Payment - Opt-Out and Q&A

Concern has been expressed about how the £500 payment will affect those receiving benefits like Universal Credit. Where staff have concerns about the affect of the payment, they will have the opportunity to opt out of receiving it in their February salary by informing payroll by 5 February 2021.

Anyone wishing to opt out of the February payment should [complete the form](#) and send it to payroll.

Staff will then have the opportunity to opt back in by informing payroll by 5 March 2021. To opt back in, staff should [complete the form](#) and forward to payroll.

A [Q&A](#) on frequently asked questions on the bonus payment is also available.

Completed forms should be emailed directly to: GGCEPayroll.Team@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
 However, they can also be posted to: Payroll Services, Caledonia House, 140 Fifty Pitches Road, Cardonald, G51 4EB.

COVID-19 Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit

The NHSGGC Guidance on Social Distancing (SD) was issued in June 2020. A key component of this guidance was the requirement for local managers in conjunction with staff to undertake a specific risk assessment to identify risks and suitable control measures associated with COVID-19 in the workplace.

An audit tool has been developed on Webropol. The aim of this audit is to provide assurance to our workforce, service users and members of the public that we are continuously striving to ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please access the [Audit Guidance document](#) for further information.

Please access the Audit tool here: [Social Distancing and Workplace Assessment Audit](#).

The audit will take approximately 15 minutes to complete

Managers should ensure this audit is completed by February 2021.

Should you have any queries please contact the Health and Safety Department.

Emotional wellbeing resources

NES have created a number of resources to help support emotional wellbeing which you may find useful during the pandemic and beyond.

There are resources for individuals and managers including e-modules and podcasts.

[Click here to access the resources.](#)

National visiting guidance for hospital visiting link

The national visiting guidance link issued in Friday's Core Brief was broken. Please see updated link below.

In accordance with the [National Visiting Guidance](#) from Scottish Government all hospitals in NHSGGC are currently placed in Tier 4. This means hospital visiting is for **essential visits only**.



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](#).

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