

# Core brief

**Daily update**  
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## **Lateral Flow Testing – updated FAQs**

We are encouraging all of you to take part in Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing. We know that people can carry and transmit COVID-19 while being asymptomatic and by using LFD testing it means asymptomatic COVID-19 positive people can self-isolate immediately, reducing the risk of spreading the virus to others including patients, colleagues and family.

Using the Lateral Flow testing kit couldn't be easier. Simply register your kit as soon as you receive it and then regularly record all of your results (even negative results) using the online portal. It is important to continue to test twice weekly, even if you have received both vaccine shots. A step by step guide is available on the [website](#).

We have updated the FAQs available on our [website](#), which should answer any questions you might have. However, if there is anything that isn't covered and you need some further help, please email: [ggc.lft@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ggc.lft@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

We know that many of you have been testing regularly since the start of the pandemic and we thank you for continuing to support this programme. We also understand that the previous registration process took time, the portal has improved based on your feedback. As we progress to more opportunities to meet our friends and families in the coming weeks it is very important that we keep testing to ensure our patients and colleagues are not at risk.

Please remember:

- Register your kit
- Test twice per week (unless you are using PCR, which means that you only need to use LFT once) and record your results
- If you have tested positive through PCR you should not commence/recommence the LFT testing programme until 90 days after your positive test result
- If you register a negative test result with your LFT, but are showing symptoms of COVID-19, you must self-isolate and book a PCR test through either [NHS Inform](#) or the [staff testing site](#).

It is vital that we all play our part in helping to identify positive cases early to help us learn to live with the threat of the virus and safely return to everyday activities and lives.

*(Please see Lateral Flow graphic on the next page).*

## Lateral Flow Tests - Available to all staff working on site

Speak to your line manager about where to collect your test kit, then:



**Register**  
your kit



**Test**  
twice per week



**Record**  
your results

**Keep your colleagues and patients safe from COVID-19**

**Help stop the spread!**

**Visit: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-stafftesting](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/lfd-stafftesting)**

### **Staff COVID vaccination**

86000 health and social care staff received a first vaccination and so far 73000 have received a second vaccination - with more booked over the coming days.

Those vaccinated with Astra Zeneca at the clinic on 14 March should have received a link to book an appointment for 9 May.

Those vaccinated with Pfizer between December and February should have received a link to book a second appointment already.

If you have yet to have your second Pfizer Covid vaccination, please contact [Ggc.CovidVaccinationContactCentre@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Ggc.CovidVaccinationContactCentre@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) as a matter of urgency as the last mass Pfizer clinics that are currently scheduled are on the 17 April at SSE Hydro or on 16 and 17 April at Inverclyde Royal.

For those who cannot be vaccinated as they are self-isolating or are not 28 days after a positive result – there will be a small mop up clinic at the end of April.

### **Message from Health and Safety - Social Distancing – Adhere to maximum occupancy**

As part of the social distancing control measures in place, the maximum occupancy of rooms and offices should be displayed on the doors. Please check the occupancy limits on entry (including lifts) and do not breach the maximum number.

Managers should ensure that the number of chairs in an area does not exceed the maximum occupancy. Excess chairs should be removed from the area or taped off to avoid use.

For shared rooms, such as meeting rooms and rest areas, Managers should liaise with each other to ensure the risk assessed control measures are maintained.

Information in relation to Social Distancing can be found [here](#). If you have any ideas to improve Social Distancing practice, please share with your line manager and email here:

[SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:SDCommsGroup@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

## Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home

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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