

Core brief

Daily update
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Infection Prevention and Control

Please remember that staff must be bare below the elbows and ID badges must be clipped on and not worn on lanyards when working in clinical areas.

Visiting arrangements

In line with restrictions easing and the move down to level zero of the COVID-19 Protection Levels from **Monday 19 July 2021**, all patients in our hospitals in NHSGGC (where possible) will be able to benefit from support of **at least two people from the same household at the same time**. If not from the same household and physical distancing cannot be maintained, visits can take place separately.

This is in accordance with the Scottish Government [Visiting Guidance for Hospitals in Scotland](#): Enabling Family Support for People in Hospital in Scotland.

A consultant led multi-disciplinary team (MDT), individual risk assessment is advised for high-risk patients to aid decision making to determine whether visits can be safely supported or not. Patients advised against receiving a visitor must be provided with an explanation and this should be reviewed as the patient's condition changes. This should be documented in the patients' record.

Work is progressing to update local guidance to ensure our approach to these new visiting arrangements is risk assessed and as safe as possible for patients, families and staff.

Public messaging will again continue to re-enforce the guidance to request people visiting to comply with wearing face coverings/masks, avoid congregating in public areas, cleaning hands with hand gel provided, maintaining a two metre distance and the need to self-isolate and not visit if they have any COVID-19 symptoms (FACTS).

The **Trace and Protect** template should be completed with visitor details at each visit to assist Test and Protect Colleagues should there be a need to contact them.

All visitors should be advised **not to visit** if they are feeling unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19.

When family members arrange to visit, **voluntary Lateral Flow Testing** should be strongly recommended as a valuable way to promote safety. Information on how to order Lateral Flow Tests is on the [Scottish Government's website](#) or tests can be collected from COVID testing centres in the afternoon or early evening or the [asymptomatic test facilities](#) across NHSGGC.

It is important to note that Lateral Flow Testing for visitors is **not** mandatory and wards are not able to insist that visitors undergo a test before visiting. Not wishing or not being able to test will not be an obstacle to a visit. This forms part of a suite of measures to mitigate the risk of COVID 19 transmission.

Further guidance will follow leading up to and after Monday 19 July.

Important transport messages – NHS Louisa Jordan and Clyde Tunnel

From 18 July 2021, First Glasgow 59 and Stagecoach X19 bus services will revert to their normal routes and no longer serve the SEC. For up to date information on public transport, please visit [Traveline Scotland](#).

We have also been advised by Glasgow City Council that essential lighting renewal will take place in the Clyde Tunnel from 19 July. Work will be carried out between 20:00 and 06:00 and will result in one bore being closed, with traffic being contra-flowed through the other bore. The pedestrian tunnels will be unaffected by these works.

The works are scheduled to last for approximately 18 weeks. However, due to the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November, no work will be scheduled between 1 October and 14 November. Work will recommence thereafter.

Guidance on RIDDOR and COVID-19 - update

In line with the organisation's Incident Management & Recording Policy, NHSGGC is committed to the delivery of effective, safe, and person centred care ensuring there will be no avoidable injury or harm to people or adverse impact on the organisation resulting from the delivery of healthcare or other work related activity.

The policy includes the requirement to report certain serious workplace accidents, occupational diseases and specified dangerous occurrences (near misses) in line with the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases, and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR) to the Health and Safety Executive. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has led to an update from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) on these regulations.

A guidance document to support Managers has been developed and is available here – [Guidance on RIDDOR and COVID-19](#).

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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