

Core brief

Daily update

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DAILY REMINDER: Don't Spread the Virus at Work or Home

Be mindful of COVID-19 transmission routes. Avoid touching your face including; your mouth, eyes, nose or biting your nails after touching surfaces or objects.

Mass asymptomatic community testing for COVID-19

You may have seen in the news that Glasgow City and Renfrewshire Councils are carrying out asymptomatic community mass testing for COVID-19 until 9 December. We would encourage all staff who live in this area but are not currently routinely tested to take this opportunity to get tested. Equally, if you have family and friends who live in these areas, then we would encourage you to ask them to use the facility too.

Testing centres have been set up at:

- **Pollokshields** (in the large car park on Albert Drive, opposite the Tramway Theatre) and **Dalmarnock** (in the Emirates Arena car park). Both are open from 9am - 6pm every day until December 9. You can [book a test](#) or you can simply turn up and get a test on the spot if that's easier for you. You can find out more information on how to complete the Glasgow [online booking form here](#).
- **Johnstone** Town Hall, from Wednesday 2 to Wednesday 9 December from 8am to 8pm, on a drop-in basis – there is no need to book in advance.

These areas have been targeted because of their particularly high COVID infection rates.

We only want people to get tested if you have not had COVID-19 within the past three months and currently have no COVID-19 symptoms at all. If you have any of the main COVID-19 symptoms - a fever (high temperature), a new, continuous cough or loss of taste and/or smell - please book a separate test immediately through our own testing centre at West Glasgow ACH using [the e-referral form](#).

Remember to register for your flu vaccination

Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated against this year's winter flu.

This year it is more important than ever to protect yourself, your patients, family and colleagues, so if you haven't already registered for your flu vaccination, please do so to ensure you are protected this year.



For staff working in clinical areas, who will get their flu vaccination via peer immunisation, you should fill in the [registration form](#) BEFORE being vaccinated. This will enable us to plan effectively to ensure that vaccine can be ordered. (If you are not on the GGC network please use [this link to the registration form.](#))

Further dates have been added for **non-clinical** staff (including corporate services, IT, finance, facilities, laundry, decontamination unit, telecommunications, medical physics and administration staff who do not work in a clinical area) to book in for their flu vaccination. These sessions are appointment only. [For further information and to book an appointment click here.](#)

Getting your flu vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing flu, so our message to staff is simple: let's do our bit and take this easy but important step to protect ourselves, our patients and our families this winter.

If you are unsure of which category you fall into, or you are working from home and unsure how to access your flu vaccination, please speak with your line manager in the first instance.

For more information on the Staff Flu Vaccination Programme, visit: www.nhsqgc.org.uk/staffflu

World AIDS Day

Tuesday 1st December marks the 32nd annual World AIDS Day and this morning the Scottish Government announced its proposal to eliminate HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030, alongside other measures to prevent transmission including free condom provision, widening access to medication that prevents HIV infection, increasing testing capacity and measures to prevent people sharing needles.

While significant progress has been made since that first World AIDS Day, HIV continues to affect communities in Scotland. However, thanks to treatment that allows people to live long and healthy lives, it can be considered a manageable long-term health condition. In spite of this, misconceptions about HIV persist and many people experience stigma and discrimination, which is often the most difficult part of living with HIV.

NHSGGC continues to provide treatment and care services for anyone living with HIV. Support is available whether you are recently diagnosed or have been managing your HIV for a long time. The Brownlee Centre at Gartnavel General Hospital also provides an HIV Patient Forum to provide input and consultation on the delivery of local services.

You can check your own knowledge about HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C by completing the Blood Borne Viruses course on LearnProNHS (GGC: 116 Blood Borne Viruses). This is a great opportunity to update your learning with the most recent information.

You can also find out more about HIV and World AIDS Day by checking this helpful information prepared by our colleagues at Waverley Care <https://www.waverleycare.org/worldAIDSday>.

Bonus for health and social care staff

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon yesterday announced a one-off payment for NHS and social care staff who have worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

A pro-rated payment of £500 will be made as soon as is practicable (before the end of the financial year) to all NHS staff who have been active in the NHS since 17th March 2020, including those who were employed on a temporary basis or who have since retired.

All General Practitioners and practice staff, along with staff providing GP, dental, pharmacy and optometry services under independent contractor arrangements will also receive the payment.

More information will be issued in due course.

Public Transport update

From Sunday 13th December, ScotRail will operate a revised timetable across their network, which will result in a reduced service operating on many routes. For more information, please [click here](#). For the latest information on public transport services, please visit the [Transport](#) page on StaffNet.



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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