

Core brief

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Remember to register for your flu vaccination



Over 1000 of you have now registered to become a peer vaccinator and we want to say a big thank you all! However, in order to ensure that every member of staff can be vaccinated, we need the help of more of you to come forward and register.

If you would like to find out more about how you can support colleagues and become a peer vaccinator, please [click here to fill in the form to register](#) your interest.

For more information and all the forms you need to become a peer vaccinator, [click here](#).

This year it is more important than ever to protect yourself, your patients, family and colleagues and get vaccinated against flu ahead of the winter period. So if you haven't already registered, please do so to ensure you are protected this year.

To take into account COVID-19 guidelines, in particular social distancing, the way that we will be vaccinating staff has changed this year.

There will be two routes:

- **Staff working in clinical areas**

Staff who work in clinical areas, including ward clerks, should get their vaccination via peer vaccination. Staff 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 **working from home or logging on outwith the GGC network** please use [this link to the registration form](#).

- **Staff who work in non-clinical areas**

Staff who are non-clinical (including staff in health records, IT, finance, laundry, decontamination unit, telecommunications), estates and facilities and laboratory staff will be vaccinated by Occupational Health using an appointments only service. If you are part of this group, you can find out more information on how you can get your vaccination by clicking [here](#).

Please note that Occupational Health will NOT be operating a drop-in service, so please **register in advance to ensure you get your vaccination and bring your completed health questionnaire**.

Getting your flu vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing flu. The vaccine doesn't give you flu and in fact will protect you for up to 12 months, 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.nhsggc.org.uk/staffflu

Home Working Guidance

In April 2020 and in response to Scottish Government Guidelines, a [Working at Home Advice and Guidance for Managers and Staff](#) was produced to assist staff and managers who required to temporarily work from home as a result of COVID-19.

In addition to this a Home Working Guide has been created to support the existing Board's policy and Government Guidance to encourage the introduction and ongoing support of homeworkers wherever possible. Both the Guide and Policy is open and accessible to all employees and can be viewed [here](#).

Clean Air Day - 8 October 2020

NHSGGC believes that promoting awareness of Clean Air Day on the 8 October is vital to help make positive changes to reduce atmospheric pollution. As part of our commitment to the Scottish Climate Change Plan and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) we monitor and track our environmental impacts across the organisation, to improve our environmental performance and sustainable development commitments.



We are making excellent progress in reducing our contribution to air pollution and since 2014/15 we have seen an average yearly reduction of emissions by up to 10 per cent, through several key divisions including Energy, Transport and Active Travel.

To read more about our initiatives and ongoing improvements, [visit the Hot Topics on StaffNet](#).

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Don't encroach on your colleagues desk area,
maintain Social Distancing when talking



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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