

Core brief

Daily update

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- Flu and Covid Vaccination – booking portal now open

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From today (Monday 22 August), the online portal is available for health and social care workers to book their COVID-19 booster and flu vaccinations.

From 5-19 September, appointments have been prioritised for health and social care staff, as such, please do not schedule your appointment before the 5 September.

If you have tested positive for COVID in the four weeks prior to 5-19 September, log into the portal 28 days after you first tested positive and book an appointment.

You will need to have your username and password to book your appointment. If you do not remember your username or password then follow the link on the portal to recover your username or password. In order to do this you will need one date of a previous COVID vaccination. If you have the COVID status app, you can use this to get the date of your vaccination(s).

The following link [Login - Customer Service \(nhs.scot\)](#) to NHS Inform, details the whole process and how to get a reminder of your username.

You can also watch a video about how to book online: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) booster vaccination | The coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccine \(nhsinform.scot\)](#)

If you are eligible for the COVID booster and flu vaccine, they will be administered at the same time, as evidence shows that receiving them together is an effective way to deliver maximum protection over the winter months.

On the day of your appointment, please arrive as close to your allocated time as possible as this will help avoid queues. Please remember to wear a face covering while in the vaccination centre, during your appointment and use the hand sanitiser provided. Please bring your letter or booking reference number to your appointment. You can view a list of the vaccination centres on our website: [NHSGGC - Autumn/Winter Vaccination 2022 - NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde](#) and as with previously, you can book into the clinic most convenient for you.

All health and social care staff will be eligible to receive the winter flu vaccination. However, only those with face to face contact with patients or service user will receive the COVID booster, unless you are eligible as a result of your age, carer status and/or health condition.

Following final advice on the Winter COVID-19 vaccination programme from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the following groups will be offered an additional COVID-19 vaccination:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Frontline health and social care workers
- All adults aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 5 to 49 years in a clinical risk group, including pregnant people
- Those aged 5 to 49 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- Carers aged 16-49 years.

Those eligible for a free flu vaccination are:

- Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
- Those aged 50 years and over
- Those aged 6 months to 49 years in a clinical risk group for flu
- All health and social care workers
- Pregnant people
- Children aged 2 to 5 years (and not yet in school)
- Primary school children (P1 to P7)
- Secondary school pupils under 18 (S1 to S6)
- Unpaid and young carers
- Household contacts of people with immunosuppression or carers,
- Primary, Secondary, and Nursery teachers and pupil-facing support staff
- Prison population and prison officers who deliver direct front-facing detention services and support staff.

You can reschedule appointments via the NHS Inform: www.nhsinform.scot/covid-19-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments or you can call the helpline number to rearrange your appointment seven days a week, 8.00am to 8.00pm on 0800 030 8013.

Lateral Flow Tests - available to staff who work with patients and service users in face-to-face settings

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.scot/staff-recruitment/lft-staff

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.scot. If you have any questions about the current situation please check the FAQs first. If you have any further questions, please email: HR.Support@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Staff are reminded to make sure their [personal contact details are up to date on eESS](#).

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