

# Core brief

## Daily COVID-19 update (23 April 2020, 4.10pm)

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### Drive-through testing centre orientation video

Following yesterday's Core Brief update regarding health and social care staff / household contact testing, we have created an orientation video which demonstrates exactly what to expect if you receive an appointment to one of our drive-through testing centres. You can view the video [here](#).

Our drive-through centres are located at Gartnavel General Hospital, Stobhill Hospital and Port Glasgow Health Centre, in addition to the outpatient clinic at West Glasgow ACH. If all the NHSGGC testing centre appointments are full, you will be referred to the national centre at Glasgow Airport.

More information on staff and household contact testing can be found [here](#).

Please note that testing is by appointment only, and the testing centres does not include a clinical assessment. If you are concerned about worsening symptoms, please call NHS24 on 111.

### Staff Travel

The Scottish Government has issued guidance on staff travel. We have included this in our [FAQs](#) or you can see the full document here: <https://www.staffgovernance.scot.nhs.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/guidance/>. This will be particularly relevant for those who car share or travel to work with colleagues.

It advises that, individuals should follow general infection prevention and control measures, including practicing good hand hygiene and following social distancing advice (i.e. maintaining 2m social distancing) wherever possible.

Where maintaining 2m social distancing in a car with someone from a different household is difficult, alternative travel arrangements should be made if at all possible to allow social distancing to be maintained.

We recognise that making alternative travel arrangements will not always be possible, so where people from different households are sharing a private vehicle (car, taxi, minibus, lorries), then consideration should be given to how social distancing can be applied within the vehicle, where possible. If you can adhere to social distancing whilst travelling, then do so. Where this is not possible and you are travelling

with non-household members, limit the number of passengers and space out as much as possible. You should continue to follow general infection prevention and control measures.

### **NHSGGC R&R Hubs and Project Wingman**

Project Wingman is a collaboration between pilots and aircrew of several airlines grounded by COVID-19 and set up to run a 'First Class Airline Lounge' R&R service for NHS staff in hospitals. They have offered to join and complement what we've already established and provide about 60 local pilots and aircrew from Glasgow Airport to work with us on each shift in every Hub.

They will all undergo the same training session that our Hub staff have already undertaken and this will be happening on 25 April and 2 May. They will also complete the same induction process as other public volunteers who have been coming to work with NHSGGC during the COVID-19 crisis. After their training many of them will begin to join us on shift next week.

One thing that everyone will notice is that they will work with us wearing their airline uniforms. This is in keeping with their offering of a first class airline lounge service to our staff. They will be available to work with us until their airlines begin to resume flights.

### **Shielding vulnerable patients**

The Pharmacy Services and Public Health teams have developed a search tool to help colleagues identify patients that require shielding based on the Chief Medical Officer's criteria. This complements national data, by identifying at risk groups through recent prescribing data. The tool has helped GP practices, within GGC and beyond, to identify which patients require clinical assessment and contact to be identified for shielding.

The team have created similar searches in the past to identify patients at increased risk of harm from their medicines. From this experience, and their contributions in developing the Scottish Therapeutic Utility, the team knew creation of this tool was possible and they have achieved this while remote working.

More information can be found at: <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-gps/shieldinghigh-risk-patients/>

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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