

Core brief

Daily COVID-19 update (20 March 2020 – 15:55pm)

We are committed to ensuring that staff have the information they need to know to respond to the current COVID-19 situation.

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19. We are continually updating these webpages with new information and ask colleagues to check this regularly. New dedicated pages have now been added for dentists, optometrists and pharmacists.

Car parking restrictions relaxed

We want to thank all of our staff for your efforts to continue to keep patients safe as we respond to COVID-19. We are here to support you as much as possible. We have made it easier to park at work by temporarily relaxing parking restrictions on sites with managed car parking services. Staff can now use any available space that was previously designated for individual, visitor or shared car use. Disabled access and emergency spaces will remain restricted.

We've also been notified that the Ogilvie Group on Hardgate Road near the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital has opened up its parking for free for NHS staff.

The Glasgow Royal Infirmary is the only site where charges apply due to a long-standing contract. We have obtained 200 additional spaces for staff to use for the next three months and local management will be looking to identify how these should be appropriately allocated.

Glasgow City Council has also confirmed that parking charges in the vicinity of The Royal Infirmary will cease from Monday 23 March, as a part of short term measures in the current challenging circumstances.

Please note enforcement will still take place for yellow line, obstructive or dangerous parking practices. Enforceable disabled bays will also continue to be enforced.

Finally, we've received a kind offer from the Glasgow Pram Centre who have spaces available for GRI staff. Please contact Keith Stark (keith@pramcentre.co.uk) for availability.

Attend Anywhere roll out

Over the last two weeks, eHealth have been working with the GP Practices across NHSGGC to implement Attend Anywhere. This has now been set up for all 236 GP Practices and many practices are already using the technology for video consultations. The eHealth Team continue to work with the practices to support them to use the technology.

A number of acute sites also have implemented Attend Anywhere. Details are available on StaffNet [click here](#) to access.

If additional acute services wish to implement the technology, we are looking to implement priority areas first and so please [complete the attached request form](#) with appropriate Clinical Service Manager approval for the submission.

There has been a tremendous response from everyone involved in the rapid implementation of the Attend Anywhere technology and this will make a significant contribution to our response to the COVID-19 situation.

Additional information on Attend Anywhere can be found [here](#).

Questions from staff

Many of you have been using the staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk email account to send in your questions and we are working to respond to them as quickly as possible. If you have questions that are not answered by [the dedicated webpages](#) please send them in to us.

Some of you have also been taking to social media to ask questions. On the issue of facemasks being provided to GP Practices from national stockpiles with an original expiry of 2016, and with a new expiry date sticker, typically of 2021, the deputy CMO has confirmed that this stock has been subject to rigorous assessment and shelf-life extension by the manufacturer and is therefore safe to use. On the issue of hand sanitisers in our hospitals, and specifically QEUH, we can reassure colleagues that hand sanitisers are strategically placed in order to maximise their benefit for staff and patients. They are outside all ward entrances, outside rooms and inside rooms and in critical areas. There are also a number of areas where they are accessible to both staff and patients across the main atrium at the QEUH.



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