

Core brief

Daily update

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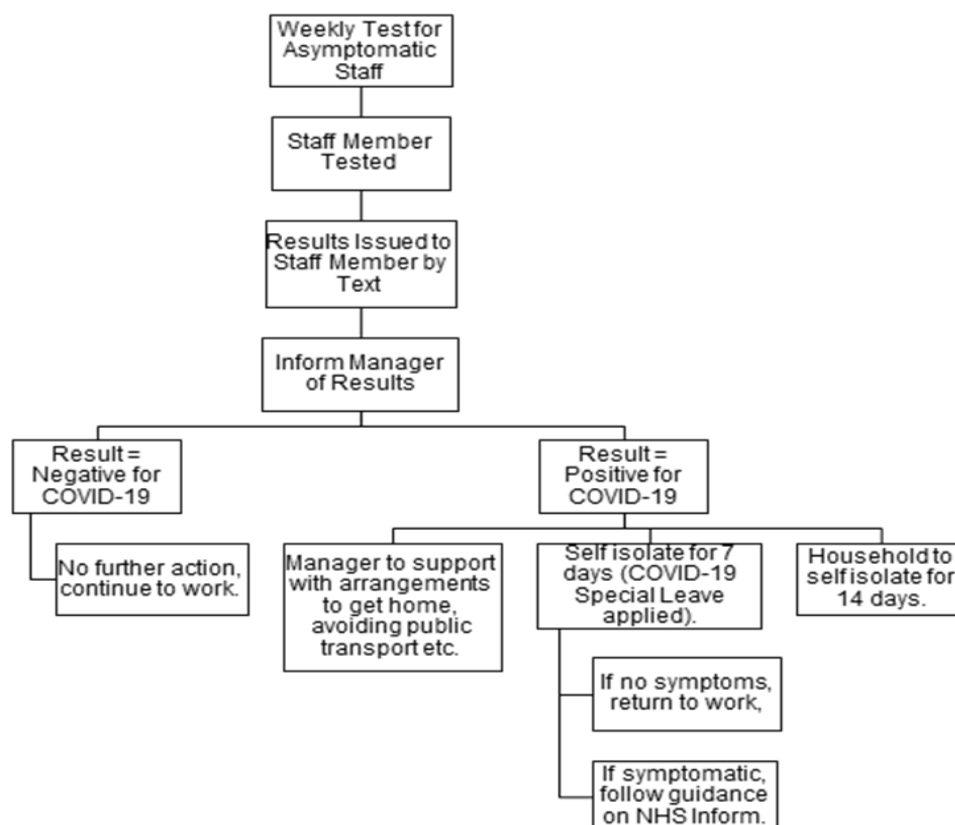
Testing of Asymptomatic Staff

The Scottish Government have introduced additional measures to ensure that we continue to provide as safe an environment as possible for our patients and staff through minimising the risk of infection from COVID-19.

From 8 July 2020 we will be undertaking weekly testing for asymptomatic healthcare staff in areas where we are caring for vulnerable patients. This is for those working in specialist oncology and day patient wards including radiotherapy, long term care of the elderly wards, and long term care wards in mental health facilities. Testing will include all staff who are physically present on the ward.

Samples will be collected by relevant colleagues in each area and sent off for testing. Your manager will make arrangements for this to take place and advise you accordingly.

The diagram below sets out the testing process:



If you test positive you will also be contacted by the Test and Protect service, who will forward your details to Occupational Health for further assessment. If you have already had a positive test for COVID-19 then you do not need to be tested

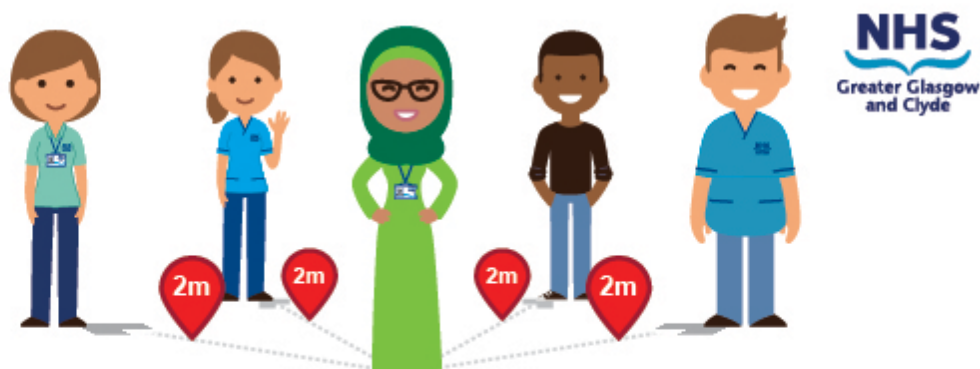
It is requested that staff in these vulnerable areas participate in the weekly testing programme, ensuring that we meet our professional standards in placing public protection at the heart of what we do, and that patient safety and confidence is maintained. If you have any questions or concerns about the testing programme you can speak to your Line Manager or Occupational Health team on 0141 201 0594.

[Click here for further information on Asymptomatic Testing for Staff.](#)

Further information is available on: www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19.

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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Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.**

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