

Core brief

Daily update
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DAILY REMINDER: Don't Spread the Virus at Work or Home

Be mindful of COVID-19 transmission routes. Avoid touching your face including; your mouth, eyes, nose or biting your nails after touching surfaces or objects.

Have you had a flu vaccination yet?

Thank you to each and every one of you, who have been vaccinated against this year's winter flu.

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.

For staff working in clinical areas, who will get their flu vaccination via peer vaccination, you 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 not on the GGC network please use [this link to the registration form](#).)

For staff who are non-clinical (including staff in health records, IT, finance, laundry, decontamination unit, telecommunications), estates and facilities and laboratory staff, further information regarding additional flu vaccination sessions will be issued in the coming weeks.

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

Staff COVID-19 testing

All staff are reminded that they can be seen quickly for a COVID-19 test through our own testing centre at West Glasgow ACH.



Both symptomatic health and social care **staff** (including care home staff, GPs, dentists and community pharmacists) and symptomatic **household** contacts can now arrange to have a test using [the e-referral form](#). Anyone who is **asymptomatic** should **not** apply for a test.

Referral will be by appointment which are available seven days a week.

Long service badges

Thousands of staff have already signed up for their long service badges and you can get yours too!

There are four specially designed pin badges to recognise and celebrate the service milestones of 20 years, 30 years, 40 years and an exceptional 50 years.

All years working for the NHS count – so the scheme applies to staff who have worked for NHS GGC or any other Board or Trust within the UK, as long as you are currently on the NHS GGC payroll.



Following a delay in getting the badges out due to COVID-19 we are resuming sending them out on a monthly basis.

If you haven't yet signed up for your long service badge, then all you have to do to get your hands on one is complete the online form – it's that simple!

Visit: www.nhsggc.org.uk/longservice

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility
Don't encroach on your colleagues desk area,
maintain social distancing when talking

Do it, encourage it. Don't spread the virus at work or home

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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