

Core brief

Daily update

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Daily Reminder: Social Distancing Walkrounds:

Managers are reminded that regular walkrounds should be conducted, in conjunction with staffside, to ensure suitable and sufficient Social Distancing control measures are in place. These may include; two metre Social Distancing, compliance with PPE guidance and the wearing of face covering, as per guidance.

Social Distancing risk assessments should be updated to reflect any changes in guidance, practice and associated controls.

Update: University of Oxford and AstraZeneca vaccine trial

Full details of the vaccine trial led by the University and AstraZeneca has been published in the medical journal, the Lancet today. This includes results of the two different dose regimes.

Our thanks to the hundreds of NHSGGC staff who volunteered to take part and continue to support the trial.

The vaccine still needs to be approved by the regulators. Once this is achieved, there will be a process to make sure people on the clinical trial in the control arm are included in the overall roll-out.

You can read the full details here: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)32661-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)32661-1/fulltext)

Training for GEM 5000 Blood Gas analysers

The Biochemistry service has been unable to facilitate training on GEM 5000 blood gas analysers as a result of the increased risks associated with extended periods of face to face training.

GEM 5000 training for new and expired users is now available as a LearnPro module, and will be the only accepted training route from Tuesday 5 January 2021.

If you require authorised access to the GEM 5000, please complete LearnPro Module GGC: 262 Gas Analyser Training and ask a local GEM 5000 cascade trainer to witness you performing a sample. The cascade trainer will then send a completed Training Compliance Form and copy of the LearnPro certificate to the appropriate Biochemistry department, who will then issue a POC barcode.

Click on the link below to access updated GEM 5000 Training Compliance Form:

<http://www.staffnet.ggc.scot.nhs.uk/Acute/Diagnostics/All%20Laboratory%20Medicine/Point%20of%20Care%20Testing/Pages/CurrentPOCTServices.aspx>

Scottish Health Awards

Staff are reminded that the Scottish Health Awards 2020 are live tonight at 7pm. The event can be viewed online at: www.scottishhealthawards.com



Good luck to all 10 of our finalists for tonight, if you can join in and watch the winners being announced. You can also follow and Retweet on Twitter: [@NHSScotEvents](https://twitter.com/NHSScotEvents) [@ReachScotEvents](https://twitter.com/ReachScotEvents) [#ScotHealthAwards](https://twitter.com/ScotHealthAwards)

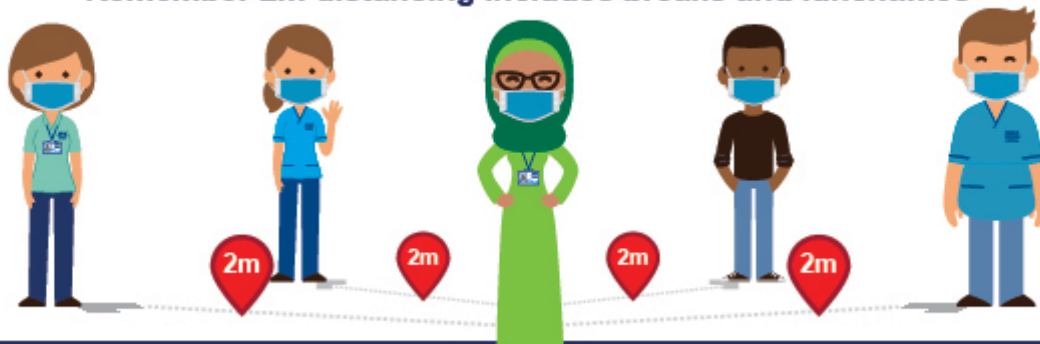
COVID vaccination update correction

Staff should note, the email address issued in [yesterday's Core Brief](#) was incorrect.

If you have any queries about the COVID vaccination programme please raise these with your line manager or email: staff.covid19@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

Social distancing is everyone's responsibility

Remember 2m distancing includes breaks and lunchtimes



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

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