Guidance for Staff and Managers on Coronavirus

Topics	Reference
Testing	All Scottish Government COVID-19 routine testing guidance in health, social care and prison settings will be paused. These changes should take effect no later than 30 August 2023.
	Staff should adhere to the NHS Inform Advice on managing symptoms of a respiratory infection.
	An exception to this pause is for individuals in hospital, prior to being discharged to a care home or a hospice: this routine testing will remain.
	Full details of these changes have been published via SGHD/CMO(2023)12 which replaces DL (2022) 32.
COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance (including PPE)	On the 31/03/2022 <u>guidance</u> was issued to all HSC staff on the de-escalation of COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC) measures to alleviate system pressures.
	All IPC changes are available in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Home (scot.nhs.uk)
Vaccinations	Vaccination guidance for HSC professionals can be found here: Coronavirus (COVID-19): vaccination guidance for health and social care professionals - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)
	There is further information about the vaccine can be found here: Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine NHS inform
Terms and Conditions	Changes and addition to term and conditions in light of COVID are all accessible on this page: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Scottish Terms and Conditions Committee These have been agreed in partnership by the Scottish Terms and Conditions Committee and aim to give the service flexibility and support.
	This includes general workforce/HR guidance, variations to standard terms and conditions, and Q&As.
Long Covid	For advice on how to cope with long COVID, please visit the National Wellbeing Hub: Long COVID - National Wellbeing Hub for those working in Health and Social Care