

Guidance for Staff and Managers on Coronavirus

Topics	Reference
End of routine asymptomatic COVID-19 testing before discharge from Scottish hospitals to care homes and hospices	<p>Following a clinical review, the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, the Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport, and the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health have agreed to end routine asymptomatic COVID-19 testing before discharge from Scottish hospitals to care homes and hospices.</p> <p>These changes should take effect no later than 3 June 2024.</p> <p>Full details of this change can be found here: Advance notice of changes to the Scottish Government's COVID-19 testing guidance</p>
Staff testing	<p>Since the 30th August 2023, health and social care staff with symptoms of a respiratory infection have been asked to follow NHS Inform Advice on Covid-19. We ask health and social care staff to continue to follow this NHS Inform advice going forward. If there are any further changes to this advice, Scottish Government will engage with, and inform, health and social care employers accordingly.</p> <p>Full details of these changes have been published via SGHD/CMO(2023)12 which replaces DL (2022) 32.</p>
COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Guidance (including PPE)	<p>On the 31/03/2022 guidance was issued to all HSC staff on the de-escalation of COVID-19 infection prevention and control (IPC) measures to alleviate system pressures.</p> <p>All IPC changes are available in the National Infection Prevention and Control Manual: Home (scot.nhs.uk)</p>
Vaccinations	<p>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)</p> <p>There is further information about the vaccine can be found here: Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine NHS inform</p>
Terms and Conditions	<p>Changes and addition to term and conditions in light of COVID are all accessible on this page: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Scottish Terms and Conditions</p>

	<p>Committee These have been agreed in partnership by the Scottish Terms and Conditions Committee and aim to give the service flexibility and support.</p> <p>This includes general workforce/HR guidance, variations to standard terms and conditions, and Q&As.</p>
Long Covid	<p>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</p>