Daily update  
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Local COVID-19 testing in West Dunbartonshire

Following the First Minister’s announcement on Tuesday evening concerning the restrictions being put in place in West Dunbartonshire, the availability of COVID-19 testing for key workers and the public has been increased.

A Mobile Testing Unit, staffed by Scottish Ambulance personnel, will be located at the Meadows Centre, Meadow Road, Dumbarton from today.

The centre will operate on alternate days, including at weekends and will be available by appointment only and as a drive through for testing between 10am and 5pm.

Anyone showing any one of the following symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days, log onto the NHS Inform website and follow the instructions provided to book a test. Other members of the household should also self-isolate for 14 days but only need a test if they show symptoms.

• A fever
• A new and persistent dry cough
• A change in your sense of smell or taste.

Please note that tests will only be carried out if an appointment has been obtained through NHS Inform.

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 NHSGGC or any other Board or Trust within the UK, as long as you are currently on the NHSGGC payroll.
Following a delay in getting the badges out due to COVID-19 we are resuming sending them out on a monthly basis (next batch is end of September).

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](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/longservice)

**Scottish Health Awards**

The Scottish Health Awards is the most prestigious and recognised awards ceremony for healthcare professionals within Scotland.

So far, NHSGGC has put forward 90 nominations for individual staff members and teams, but we know that there is so much more excellent work being done by colleagues across our region and it would be great for those individuals to receive some recognition.

If you have a colleague or know of a team who have provided outstanding care to their patients, maybe taken on a completely different role due to COVID-19 or who simply deserves to be recognised for their commitment to the NHS, please take the time to submit a nomination.

The closing date is **5pm on 30 September 2020** and for more information about the awards, please visit: [www.scottishhealthawards.com](http://www.scottishhealthawards.com)

Please keep up-to-date with the latest guidance on our dedicated web pages at: [www.nhsggc.org.uk/covid19](http://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.

It is important to share Core Brief with colleagues who do not have access to a computer. A full archive of printable PDFs are available on [StaffNet](http://StaffNet).

It’s important to maintain the social distancing rule. Respect personal space and keep 2 metres apart.