

Information for Practices where a member of staff has a positive Covid19 test.

When a member of practice staff has a positive Covid test, the practice is likely to be informed very quickly by the member of staff and may need to take action in advance of any contact by Test and Protect. Key next steps and sources of information and guidance are summarised below:

- The member of staff with the positive test should self-isolate immediately
- If the staff member was last in work **more than** 48 hours before symptom onset (or test date if asymptomatic) then no additional action is required in the practice.
- Public Health will not routinely contact the practice unless there are contacts identified through Test and Protect or a significant concern. Practices may need to make decisions on the impact on other staff or services prior to any public health contact. Other members of practice staff who are contacts should self isolate in line with the guidance set out here, which includes definitions of contacts and the mitigating impact of PPE https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/3083/documents/1_covid-19-contact-tracing-guidance-complex-hpt.pdf. Advice is available from Occupational Health if there are any particular concerns or uncertainty.
- Where practices are concerned about the impact on patients of a staff member testing positive, the advice is to consider the following:
 - Was PPE worn correctly for all patient clinical encounters? (i.e. in line with current guidance <https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-guidance-for-primary-care/>)
 - Were other measures (Perspex screens, physical distancing etc) maintained for other staff/patient contacts (reception/waiting rooms etc)?
 - Was the staff member asymptomatic?

If the answer is yes to all of these, no further action should be required. If the answer is no, then please seek advice from the Public Health Protection Unit

- Public Health Protection Unit should always be contacted if there are 2 or more staff cases in a 14 day period.
- If you are in a shared building such as a Health Centre, please let the Centre administrator know ASAP that there has been a positive case so that arrangements can be made for any necessary cleaning within the practice or communal areas. You should not share the identity of the individual.
- Please let your HSCP know in line with your practice business continuity plan so that HSCPs are aware of any possible impact on services.
- Further information on Test and Protect is available at <https://www.nhsggc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-nhsggc-staff/test-and-protect/faqs-for-healthcare-staff/>
- Following current PPE advice and physical distancing measures will help to minimise the impact of any positive Covid cases.