

COVID-19 ADVICE FOR STAFF

Protecting patients, service users and staff from the transmission of COVID-19 remains our priority. We know that you have worked tirelessly over this last year and it is imperative that we continue to adhere to the excellent practice that has been established to promote safe working practices. We need to ensure that all wards, departments, facilities and teams adhere to COVID secure measures.



STAY AT HOME

You should not to come in to work if you or someone in your household develops COVID symptoms.

You must continue to self-isolate while awaiting test results.

If you or a household member tests positive you must continue to isolate for 10 days and inform Occupational Health on 028 9615 7222.

VACCINATIONS AND STAFF



We encourage everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Getting the vaccine does not mean that you can stop following the PHA guidance but it will help protect you, your family and the patients you care for.

With two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine you still have the potential to test positive for COVID-19. This means we all must continue to follow guidelines, including:

- Adhere to social distancing of 2 meters, especially in non-patient areas such as breakrooms and office areas
- Act promptly if a patient displays symptoms, or tests positive, for COVID-19
- Perform hand hygiene at the 5 moments of care
- Keeping areas clutter free to allow effective cleaning to take place
- Wear PPE appropriately
- Car sharing is discouraged

CLOSE CONTACTS



If you have tested positive for COVID-19 using lateral flow testing you need to have a subsequent PCR test.

Close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 through lateral flow are required to self-isolate, pending PCR confirmation of the result.

Close contacts of someone with a positive COVID-19 test result must isolate for 10 days, and have a PCR test for COVID-19 within 48 hours.

If you are a close contact and receive a negative result, you must continue to complete 10 days of isolation. If you receive a positive test result, please inform Occupational Health 028 9615 7222.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Monthly COVID update sessions are available via MS Teams. The link can be found on the Infection Prevention Control part of the HUB. The next dates are planned on:



JULY: Tuesday 20th July @ 2pm
AUGUST: Wednesday 11th August @ 10am
SEPTEMBER: Thursday 16th September @ 2pm

There are lots of other resources available on the Infection Prevention Control part of the HUB including posters, presentations and links to the guidance.

Wash your hands regularly



Wear a face covering



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