

GP Advice 1 – Clinical Triage
 GP Advice 2 – Cleaning Advice
 GP Advice 3 – Practice Respiratory Appt (Not while community Pathway is in place)
 GP Advice 4 - Home Visit
 GP Advice 5 – Child Triage
 GP Advice 6 – Practice Clinical Distancing

Changes as of 19th May 2020

NEW CASE DEFINITION

New Cough (<7days + Continuous) AND/OR
 ± Fever Loss of/change in sense of smell or
 ± Risk Factors taste
 AND/OR
 NEW Breathlessness (MMRC >1)

Added to:-

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 GP Advice 3 – Practice Respiratory Appt
 GP Advice 4 - Home Visit
 Child Triage change is under consideration

ALSO

GP Advice 1 – Clinical Triage
 Temperature changed to >37.8
 Consistent with COVID-19 Scottish Primary Care Hub Triage Guide.
 Although not part of HPS Case definition in the community.
 Additional symptoms added to more closely match those in
 HPS Primary Care Guidance

Clinical Symptoms:

- Fever >37.8
- Dry cough (occas sputum)
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Pain

Other Symptoms:

Dyspnoea, Chest pain,
 wheezing
 Anosmia/Dysgeusia
 Headache, Dizziness,
 Abdominal pain, nasal
 congestion, Nausea,
 Diarrhoea, hoarseness

GP Advice 4 - Home Visit

Removed

Respiratory function (especially inability
 to talk in full sentences)



To create space for the following change to match HPS guidance that patients can dispose of the used PPE.

GP Advice 6 – Practice Clinical Distancing

Changes to these boxes. Note the change to patients facing the clinician when wearing mask.

Patient phoned to come to the door, welcomed, mask put on, use hand sanitizer and clasp hands (to avoid touching) and brought to clinical room

Clinical history taken. Observations are taken by clinician
 (If patient NOT wearing mask, approaching from behind or the side).

Dispose of as clinical waste on return or
**Patients can dispose of used PPE
 within disposable rubbish bags.**
 These should be:
 placed into another bag

- tied securely
- kept separate from other waste
- put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in the usual external household waste bin.



COVID-19 APPROVED GUIDANCE

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Note: This guidance has been fast-tracked for approval for use within NHSGGC

Covid-19 GP Advice Cover Note

This guidance is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guidance, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following guidance, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

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