



GLASGOW LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE LIMITED

COVID PRACTICE COMMUNICATION NO 39

20th August 2021

To All GPs and GP Practices

The Covid restrictions for general activities outside of healthcare have mostly been eased now. Our committee meetings continue to be conducted remotely and the office team is working using a mixed model of home working and, where necessary, working from the office.

We hope that you have managed to get some rest over the summer. We were pleased to have so many GPs and practice managers attend our year end meeting and our practice managers' training event.

Physical Distancing in GP Practices

The Scottish Government issued a statement on 6th August which reiterated that the current physical distancing measures in primary care is to continue at the current time.

“The Scottish Government is currently reviewing the physical distancing requirements for health and social care settings in Scotland. In the meantime, until and unless further notified, all primary care providers should continue to follow the current guidance relating to physical distancing measures.”

The Scottish Government [guidance letter](#) and [poster](#) from 6th July 2021 is still in effect for GP practices-

- wearing of face coverings by patients and the public (unless you are exempt)
- physical distancing of 2 metres in waiting rooms
- contact your practice by telephone in the first instance
- wearing of PPE by staff
- screening of all patients for Covid 19 symptoms

Immunisation Programme

You will have received the communication from the board and the GP Subcommittee on the flu and Covid-19 immunisation programme for this year. This can be found [here](#), and it details the board delivery of any Covid-19 booster and influenza vaccinations. There is still no confirmation of when any Covid boosters may be delivered and it's clear therefore that this will be a complicated programme to deliver this year. We hope that practices will be supportive of the board and HSCPs' efforts to deliver the programme. We are working with the board to enable effective pathways to support any patient enquiries around the programme.

Covid Community Pathway

We would remind practices of the agreement that was reached for practices to support remote triage of patients if the remote triage hub capacity is exceeded. More details can be found [here](#). This is in addition to arrangements for paediatric patients that were communicated to practices in [June](#). We would ask that practices consider this document carefully, including the ongoing pathway for children to be assessed in the CACs where practices consider that this is necessary and where patients fit the pathway criteria.

LMC Annual “Year End” Meeting

It was great to see so many of you at the LMC’s general practice meeting on Wednesday 11th August. Over 160 GPs and practice managers attended the online Teams meeting to discuss the current issues affecting practices, including responding to the pandemic and the challenges of NHS recovery. There was particular focus on: high practice workload; the Covid pathway; infection control procedures and healthcare self-isolation guidance; and the immunisation programme for 2021.

We really appreciate people taking time to attend as we are acutely aware of the unprecedented workload pressures in general practice. A feedback survey on the meeting has been sent to practices’ generic inboxes. We thank you for giving your views so that we can tailor future meetings to your requirements.

Practice Managers’ Training Session

The LMC held a virtual training event for practice managers on Thursday 12th August with a focus on responding to challenging behaviours and the leadership role of practice managers in this context. At this meeting, we emphasised that abuse is never acceptable and we have engaged with the board seeking further zero tolerance public messaging. If any practice manager wishes the presentation, please contact the office. We have sent a feedback form to practices and appreciate practice managers taking the time to fill this in.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

Dr John Ip
Medical Director

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LMC Document Highlight List

Please be aware that this is NOT a comprehensive list of all the available guidance that has been sent to GPs. These are the current key documents which we feel are important to GP practices. Please make sure that your practice’s generic NHS.SCOT box is monitored daily.

From Week Beginning 2nd August 2021

Practice communication about Flu immunisation programme

- [Flu immunisation programme 2021_22](#)
- [PCA\(M\)\(2021\)07 - Temporary Enhanced Service - seasonal influenza and pne...](#)

Community Pathway Update letter on Telephone Hub Overspill arrangements

- [Letter re Telephone Hub Overspill arrangements 270721](#)
- [Draft Overspill Arrangements for COVID Telephone Triage \(002\)](#)

NHSGGC Childhood Immunisation Off Schedule childhood requests

- [SBAR off schedule imms 250621](#)
- [Pre-School Imms Over 6 Referral Flow Chart](#)

- [Appendix 1 Paracetamol dosing PSD June 2021](#)
- [Pre-School Immunisation Team Contact List](#)

NHSGGC Roll out of Optional GP Direct Access CT Chest for Suspected Lung Cancer

- [FV GP DARCT Letter to GPs May 21.docx](#)
- [FV Pathway CT - GP LM May 2021](#)

NHSGGC Paediatric Advice letter

- [Paeds advice](#)

From Week Beginning 9th August 2021

Covid-19 Vaccinations

- [Chief Medical Officer - COVID- 19 Vaccination Programme Vaccination for 16 17 year olds](#)

Pharmacy First- updated list of products

- [Pharmacy First](#)

Introduction of Orient Gene 7s LFD Kits -P/C Workforce Testing and Directors letter

- [Updated Guidance On Twice Weekly Asymptomatic Testing Of Healthcare Workers](#)
- [Introduction of Orient Gene 7s LFD kits – Primary Care Workforce Testing](#)