

COVID-19 - Isolation Summary

This updated guidance applies from 6th January 2022 and applies to all current cases.

	Positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test	Close Contacts (Household and Non Household)
Summary	Where employee has symptoms and if recorded positive through LFD, there is no need to confirm through a PCR. Where employee has symptoms and LFD is negative, they should undertake PCR.	Staff can return to work if they have been double-vaccinated and have received a COVID-19 booster vaccination at least 14 days prior to the last exposure to the case.
Return to Work Criteria	<p>After day 7 if employees records a negative lateral flow test on day 6 and day 7 (24 hours apart) and has no fever for 48 hours (38 degrees and above). For clarity if a staff member tests positive on day 6 but negative on day 7 and 8 they can return to work from day 8. This is regardless of vaccination status</p> <p>Undertake risk assessment for those who work with the highest clinical risk groups including individuals on chemotherapy, whom are immune-suppressants such as pre/immediately post-transplant, those who have profound immune-deficiency and other high clinical risk patients who are not vaccinated and consider alternative areas for the remainder of the 10 day period.</p>	<p>Full vaccination and booster as above.</p> <p>Negative PCR test where the test is taken as soon as possible after exposure.</p> <p>No symptoms.</p> <p>If staff member is not fully vaccinated they should not attend work and should complete their 10 day self-isolation period.</p>
Ongoing Requirements	<p>Continue with daily LFD tests prior to work on working days. Staff are reminded to record results (positive, negative and void) on the portal - http://www.covidtestingportal.scot/ and inform their manager of the result.</p> <p>Continue to adhere to infection prevention and control and PPE appropriate to the setting in which they work.</p> <p>If a staff member has previously tested positive by PCR for COVID-19 they should continue to LFD test. The previous requirement of not having to LFD test within 90 days of a positive test no longer applies. If a staff member tests positive on LFD or develops symptoms they should follow guidance for positive case above.</p>	