For ease of access, please print and leave in staff areas for colleagues.

All Speed Reads are available on intranet in Covid Base or on the external site here

Staff Helplines – Updated location

We have a number of helplines and support options available for staff. You can find this information on the NHS Lothian Staff page for COVID-19.

Important Information

BME Staff Network Event – discussing the impact of COVID-19 on Black and Ethnic Minority people

Staff are invited to join two virtual meetings of the BME Staff Network group on the topic of the Impact of COVID-19 on Black and Ethnic Minority people. The speaker will be Dr Gwenetta Curry and the facilitators will be Chris Bruce and Rakiya Suleiman. To register, please email your full name, NHS role and your department to rakiya.suleiman@luht.scot.nhs.uk. Once registered, you will be provided with details of how to access the meetings.

First Meeting: Monday 15/06/20 – 3pm–4.30pm, Second Meeting: Tuesday 16/06/20 – 4pm – 5.30pm

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the Speed Read please send it to lothian.communications@nhs.net by 3.30pm each day. Please ensure that your service is content with information before sending.

Staff Health

Recurring Staff health information

The current Staff Health and Wellbeing information can be found on NHS Lothian website by clicking here: https://staff.nhslothian.scot/COVID-19/Pages/NHS-Lothian-Staff-Wellbeing.aspx

A Reminder

This Section contains previously issued important information, which is unchanged –

How are you doing? – Children and Coronavirus
How are our children doing? This is the question being explored by Children’s Parliament. Since the start of the lockdown children aged 8 to 14 have been asked to take part in a monthly wellbeing survey called How are you doing? If you are a parent, carer or other family member we would really appreciate your help in encouraging children to get involved and have their say. Children will find the June survey here: bit.ly/Coronavirus_Kids

Biomedical Science Day – 11 June 2020

The Biomedical Science laboratory team at the Western General are running a quiz to raise awareness of the profession, for Biomedical Science Day. The day aims to highlight the work of biomedical scientists, support workers and clinical scientists working 24/7 in hospitals.

To participate, you can work in teams (no more than four people) and should return your answers to steven.swanson@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk or emma-jayne.mcelhinney@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk Remember to put your names (team name) and location details on the sheet and return your answers by 19 June.

Answers and winners will be announced on 26 June with a prize for the winning team. You can access the quiz here.

Infection Prevention & Control and PPE Intranet Pages

The COVID-19 Base intranet pages for Infection Prevention and Control and PPE have been redesigned. All relevant information that has been communicated via Speed Read over the last 13 weeks has been reviewed and the most up-to-date information is now organised into different sub-pages.

This includes the overall PPE Framework, PPE Guidance (based on Public Health England/Health Protection Scotland guidance), specific guidance relating to types of PPE equipment, PPE training resources, staff advice on skin care, support for patients, PPE distribution routes and FAQs on infection prevention and control. This information is available through the following link: http://intranet.lothian.scot.nhs.uk/COVID-19/InfectionControlInformation/Pages/default.aspx

Validated Statistics as at 1400

A total of 132,001 people in Scotland have been tested through NHS labs to date. Of these:

- 116,319 were confirmed negative
- 15,682 were positive
- 2,439 have sadly died

Important Reminders

You can now find useful links for the latest guidance and information on the COVID-19 Base on the intranet above the daily Speed Reads.

If you have any communication related questions please email: lothian.communications@nhs.net