

## Care Home Meeting Weekly Bulletin w/c 8th March

**Chaired by Jenni Strachan HP Specialist Nurse**

**Attendee – Audrey Collie Health Protection Nurse**

**Discussed today –**

**Just a reminder** of those who are present were verbally reminded that anything personal shared in the meeting is to be kept confidential. But Health Protection are happy you disseminate with all your staff.

**Contacts/Households of positive cases** – testing of contacts is offered once between day 3 and day 5 **they must still finish their 10 day isolation.**

**Flowers and Gifts** for Mother's Day on 14/3 are allowed as long as wipe able – then take out of the box or cellophane before handing to residents.

**Covid Vaccine Q&A session which took place on Thursday 11/3/21 via Teams** it has been recorded for all care home staff with Katrina Morrison, Lead Immunisation Nurse NHSG. Immunisation rates are good but there are still many frontline health and social care workers refusing vaccination. This is work in progress around vaccine hesitancy, and some of the Q & A is in response to the uncertainties. The care home managers will be able to view the recorded link, will be sent out in near future.

**Just to remind staff** or anyone who has been vaccinated they are not “immune” as some people seem to have been reporting. They can still catch Covid-19 and you can pass onto others, less transmission by complying with PPE, social distance and comply with good hand hygiene.

**Visiting resuming**

Lots of discussion today around indoor visiting being reintroduced and where visiting has been taking place in homes. Some of the Care home Managers said that they have started visiting in residents own rooms or in a designated area but should be risk assessed for each resident's needs. However all Managers reported that it has been so emotional and great for residents and family and staff.

Jenni Strachan discussed also that some homes are sending information to family prior to visiting to make them aware of what to expect when coming to visit for example PPE, which room will be used for the visiting or will it be in the resident's bedroom. Jenni Strachan also suggested offering ongoing communication and support to family members, regarding changes weather cognitive or physical changes that their loved one may have developed during the lockdown to enable individualised visiting to be tailored to each resident.

Jenni Strachan discussed with Managers who attended the meeting today. Some of the Care Homes who have started the visiting are Logging the LFT details onto tablets. Asking if the paper copies are kept safely with the families consent, or should

they be destroyed after the visit has taken place. Jenni advised each Care Home to contact their provider and discuss information being stored and the policy and process around this should be followed.

The links below were also discussed for guidance and more clarity and support around reintroducing visiting.

**Visiting guidance – “Open with Care”** published on the 24/2

**Latest Care home Visiting Guidance FAQs can be found here** [scotgov open with care FAQs](#)

**Open with Care – supporting meaningful contact in care homes –workshops**

8<sup>th</sup> March 4-5pm – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

12<sup>th</sup> March 10-11am - [Click here to join the meeting](#)

15<sup>th</sup> March 4-5pm – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

19<sup>th</sup> March 1-2pm – [Click here to join the meeting](#)

NES are running 2 free webinars: **“Infection Prevention & Control during the Covid-19 Pandemic- Supporting, Valuing and Listening to Health and Social Care Workers”**.

To register, please use the following link, selecting your preferred date  
**Health and Social Care staff resource** = Jenni Strachan discussed further resources that can be sourced for Health and Social Care staff regarding the Coronavirus, see link below and live dates available.

<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/28079/coronavirus-covid-19/protecting-yourself-and-your-workplace-environment#webinars>

**Live Session, Tuesday 09 March 2021, 1.30 - 3:00 pm**

**Live Session, Wednesday 17 March 2021, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

**Donning and Doffing** training can be booked weekly at [gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot)

**JUST A WARNING** to Care Homes who have been targeted with emails, when opened up they contain Viruses that are able to hack into the computer system.

**Cleaning** – Spray bottles used when diluting disinfectant solution, it has been picked up when assurance visits that no details on spray bottles - to ensure that these are cleaned after use and to follow the manufacturer’s instructions. Also to make sure these nozzles can be used with the specific cleaning product contact manufacturer for advice re Miltex solution.. HP spoke with the company Miltex and they have only 2 of their products that contain 1000ppm av chlorine the tablets and solution which there are many of. The care home are responsible for documenting labels on the spray bottles, date, name solution, what dilution is made up and documented also that bottles are emptied and changed daily.

Health Protection have contacted Miltex a manufacturer who advised they only have 2 products that come under the 1000ppm chlorine solution. For the care homes to make sure it is the correct solution and it is compliant with the guidelines, when you order for your care home.

**Face fit FFP3 mask – Alpha Solway H-3 and HX-3 FFP3 masks**

Alpha Solway recently introduced an updated version of the H-3 FFP3 mask called the HX-3. Assessments are underway to confirm that these FFP3 masks are interchangeable. Until this is confirmed, please check the box when getting a mask to make sure it is the exact model of the Alpha Solway H series mask you passed your face-fit test on.