

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) DAILY INFORMATION UPDATE



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Partnership working to support local businesses



A pre-lockdown presentation for the city's business community.

The council and its partners are striving to deliver key services for the city and its residents – including keeping the city clean.

Cleansing crews at Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (NS) are working flat out to collect refuse from businesses and homes around the city.

And the Glasgow Recycling and Renewable Energy Centre, operated in partnership with Viridor, is playing a key role in enabling the city to process the refuse collected by frontline cleansing teams.

The **NS contract management team at GRREC** is working closely with Viridor to produce a range of materials to support Glasgow based SMEs and Social Enterprises through Covid-19. A series of web based workshops kicked off on 23 April when the focus was the importance of mental health during challenging times.

Adam Clarke, Performance and Compliance Manager at GRREC said: "Feedback from businesses who participated has been very positive.

"The project highlights how our partnership with Viridor is delivering real benefits to local businesses and social enterprises during this challenging time."

Supporting city businesses

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New Education hubs to produce PPE



A teacher volunteer using a 3D printer at the Govan hub

Three hubs have been set up at city schools to allow a team of staff volunteers from Education Services (ES) to produce vital PPE. Production began on Monday 27 April.

The volunteers will produce two types of PPE - 3D printed clinically approved PPE visors for NHS; and laser cut PPE for ASL (Additional Support for Learning) schools.

The hubs – at All Saints, Govan High and St Thomas Aquinas - will be run by volunteers from across early years, primary, secondary establishments and Technician Support Services.

The equipment at each hub along with the resources are being donated from school establishments across the city, including 3D printers, laser cutters, materials, acetate. Staff with appropriate training were asked to get involved.

The project is being coordinated by the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) team at Education Services.

Hannah Christie, STEM Development Officer said: "STEM Glasgow and Health and Safety team at Education Services worked with the NHS and Trading Standards to establish a strategic approach to the production of PPE in our schools.

"The hub approach will minimise the number of buildings that need to be open, and is the best way to keep our staff safe. Our volunteers have been trained in the use of the machines and given guidance about safe working practices of working in the hub.

"Thanks to all the establishments who responded to our appeal for equipment, and to staff who responded to our appeal for volunteers to work at the hubs."

Thanks to all the volunteers.

Support the NHS by knitting a pair of hearts



ICU Nurse Liz Smith with a box of knitted hearts for distribution.

We are supporting the NHS initiative to encourage staff to knit a small pair of hearts to help support patients in hospital, and families who have lost a loved one.

We're calling on staff who can knit, or are willing to have a go, to support this project and show support for the NHS and their patients. All you have to do is to knit a pair of hearts and send them to your chosen hospital, where they will be distributed to the appropriate wards.

One small heart will be offered to families with the other remaining with the deceased in the hope it will allow them to feel more connected to their loved one who has sadly died. Where patients are in hospital and unable to receive visitors, one heart will be given to the patient with the other sent out to their next of kin.

Lynn Norwood, Senior Strategic Human Resources Manager, said: "We're all in this together and we'd like to

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support the NHS in whatever way we can. We'd be delighted if our staff, and any family members or friends, can support this project which aims to bring some comfort to patients and bereaved families in difficult times.”

How to get involved

- Knitters are asked to use the approved pattern – download [here](https://blog.nobleknits.com/blog/how-to-knit-a-tiny-heart) <https://blog.nobleknits.com/blog/how-to-knit-a-tiny-heart>
- Use clean wool
- Put your hearts in a re-sealable bag; write the date clearly on the bag so that NHS staff can allow five days before the hearts can be safely used.
- Send your knitted hearts to your chosen hospital.

More information

The inspirational project was covered by the BBC. You can view the article [here](#)

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Help to keep **our city** running during this challenging time

SIGN UP TO **VOLUNTEER NOW**



Share your story with us



At this challenging time – we would love to hear about what you are doing to help support the city.

- Have you volunteered in another section to help deliver an essential task?
- Are you particularly proud of your team or a colleague and the work they are doing to keep services running to our citizens?

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- Have you seen a colleague go above and beyond to help deliver a service?

We would love to share your stories with your colleagues across the council – so please get in touch. Email a couple of lines and a mobile phone picture (if you have one) to Insider@glasgow.gov.uk

We know you're all proud to play your part for the city - thank you for making a difference.

Keep up the great work – what we're hearing on Twitter



Ruth Lannigan @lukelola01

● 6 mins ago

@GlasgowCC please thank all the ground staff who are working so hard to maintain our parks- Pollok Park was looking stunning this morning, gardens around the house are beautiful. A joy to have these outdoor spaces to enjoy at this time [#keyworkers](#) [#ThankYou](#)

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