

Staff News: Take 5

Thursday 1 October 2020

Welcome to this week's Take 5, our all new weekly staff update, designed to bring you our latest news summary in a five minute read.



Renfrewshire
Council

Changes to local restrictions



The Scottish Government has this week changed the rules around self-isolation affecting Renfrewshire.

From Tuesday 29 September should someone in Renfrewshire test positive for Covid19, only the person identified as a close contact must remain at home to self-isolate.

Anyone else in that household should continue to attend work or school as normal, as long as no one in the household has symptoms.

This is a change to the previous rules – whereby the entire household of the close contact were required to self-isolate. The change brings Renfrewshire into line with the rest of Scotland.

For anyone whose household was asked to self-isolate prior to Tuesday and who is still doing so, you can now return to work and children can return to school as normal. The person identified as a close contact must continue to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

Stop the Spread



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However, if we want to prevent a further rise in cases and potentially additional lockdown measures then we must act now, and we need everyone to do their bit to stop the virus spreading.

If you are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must self-isolate for 14 days.

No matter where you are, it is vital that you stick to the FACTS:

- Face coverings
- Avoid crowded spaces
- Clean hands and surfaces regularly
- Two metre physical distancing from others
- Self-isolate and book a test if you develop symptoms.

Flu vaccination



To help protect yourself, the NHS and council services this winter we are encouraging all council employees and the wider public to get a flu vaccination this year.

We want to do everything possible to help you remain fit and healthy at work, so this year we have more than doubled the amount of vaccinations available.

This means that, if you are not already eligible for a flu vaccination through the extended NHS programme, any member of staff can now book an appointment.

Flu vaccinations will be offered on site at some of our schools and this year we've also introduced Boots e-vouchers which can be sent directly to your personal or work email where you can book an appointment at a time to suit you.

More information about the programme is available on our website: <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/flu Vaccination>

Learning at Work Week Monday 5-9 October



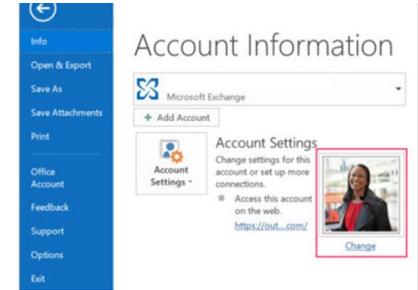
We value learning and next week's national Learning at Work Week is all about learning journeys.

We've all experienced new ways of working and communicating in recent months and it's our ability to continue to learn in new ways that has helped us adapt. So, this year we've changed our approach and will offer a virtual programme of valuable content and materials with something for everyone.

Whether you're in the middle of your own learning journey or wondering where to start, we hope to inspire you with new learning experiences and opportunities across the week, including: Motivation Monday, Tech Tuesday, Way Forward Wednesday, Teamwork Thursday and Fun Friday.

Ongoing learning is so important to help our services continually improve and respond to change, so please look out for our daily emails next week for more details on how to get involved and begin your learning journey.

Add your profile photo to Microsoft O365



It's more important than ever that we make the most of the tools we have to connect with colleagues.

If you haven't already uploaded a headshot to your O365 account, please do so.

Follow the link below for a step-by-step guide. <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/add-my-photo>



Our Health, Safety and Wellbeing at Work webpage is there to provide you with information and contacts to help you keep well during this time.

Visit: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/health-safety-wellbeing



Don't forget, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have a story to tell or something interesting to share, get in touch with us at: internal.communications@renfrewshire.gov.uk