COVID-19 Treatments and HIV infection

Community-based treatments are now available for people who have COVID-19 infection who are at higher risk of hospital admission. These need to be given within FIVE days of symptom onset.

People at very high risk

People living with HIV are eligible for NHS treatment if they meet the following criteria

- Patients with high levels of immune suppression, who have uncontrolled/untreated HIV (high viral load) or present acutely with an AIDS defining diagnosis
- On treatment for HIV with CD4 <350 cells/mm3 and stable on HIV treatment or CD4>350 cells/mm3 and additional risk factors (e.g. age, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular, liver or renal disease, homeless, those with alcohol-dependence)

Please see <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19): Treatments | NHS inform</u> for more information.

If you live in Greater Glasgow and Clyde area and we have identified you as being at very high risk, if you have a positive PCR test or log a positive lateral flow device test you will get a specific text message telling you how to access treatment.

If you attend the Brownlee and test positive for COVID-19 but live outside Greater Glasgow and Clyde and believe you may be eligible for treatment please contact your local health board's co-ordinator listed on the NHS Inform website.

All other people living with HIV aged over 18

If you are not in the very high risk category but test positive for COVID-19 and have HIV infection you are eligible to self-refer to the 'PANORAMIC' National Research Study .

More information available at http://www.panoramictrial.org/