

Staff News: Take 5

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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.

Your weekly coronavirus update

Following a review of restrictions this week, the Scottish Government has confirmed Renfrewshire will remain in Level three for now.

The relaxation of restrictions from 23 to 27 December is expected to go ahead. However, while forming an extended household bubble to visit others indoors is permitted during this period, people are advised to follow the updated guidance and limit their contact.

Where any indoor meetings do take place, it's important we stick to the FACTS and take extra precautions including increasing ventilation to help reduce the spread.

For the latest information and guidance go to the Scottish Government website at www.gov.scot

Covid vaccination roll out

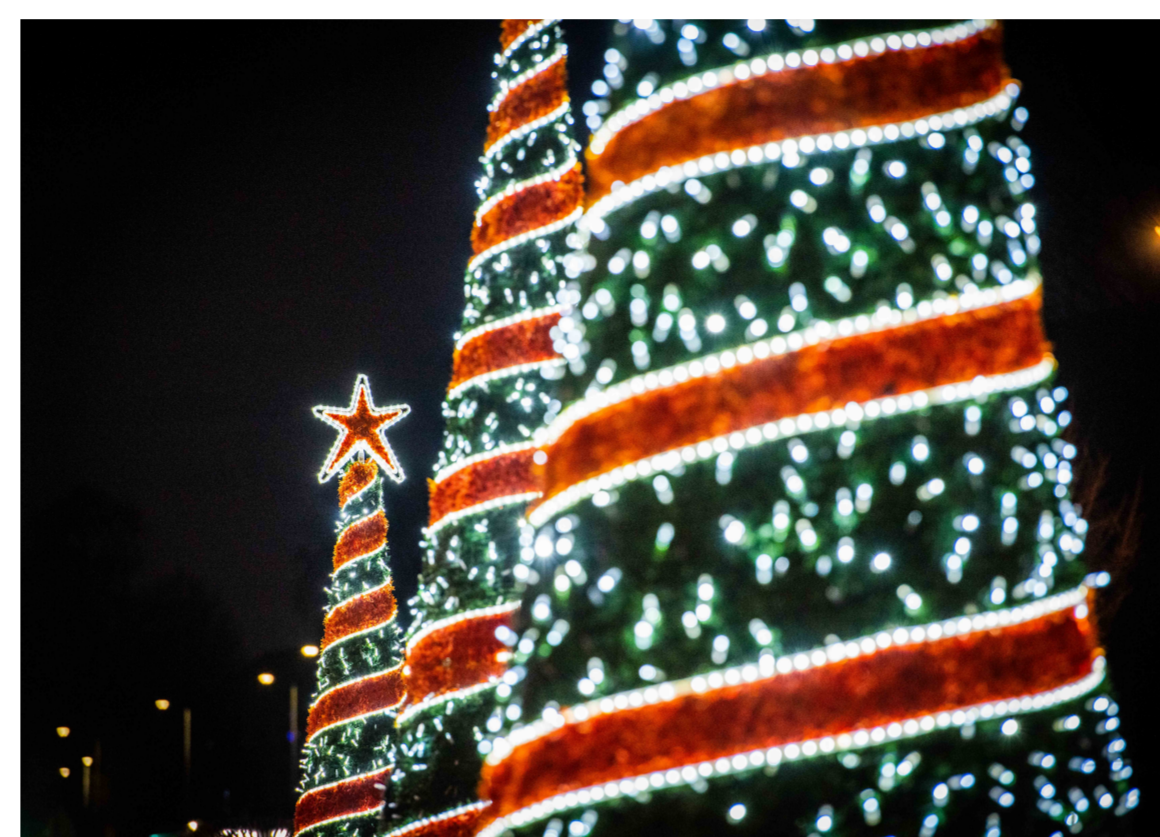
As we begin the early phases of delivering the new Pfizer covid vaccine across the UK, this is undoubtedly positive news for all of us.

We are working closely with our colleagues at Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to support them in the delivery of the first phase of the roll-out which will initially see eligible staff in local care homes including carers, cleaning and catering offered the vaccination.

Our Renfrewshire HSCP and NHS colleagues have completed training on how to administer the vaccine which has proven to be up to 95 per cent effective.

You can read more information at www.nhsinform.scot

Follow the trails for festive fun



There aren't many shopping days left until Christmas, but if you're out and about buying gifts, mix in a bit of festive family fun!

Renfrew and Johnstone both have a Christmas Spirit Trail – spot the ten festive characters in shop windows and you could win a special e-book about their amazing adventures!

Meanwhile, if you're heading into Paisley, you're sure of a big surprise with Buddie Bears – each named for a 2020 key worker – waiting to greet you in shops and businesses.

Remember to 'Spend Local' this Christmas and you'll be spreading some cheer to local independent businesses.

Discover more at <https://paisley.is/>

Look out for cyber scams

Our Cyber Security team have been sharing lots of valuable information highlighting how to stay safe online and spot cyber scams.

They have recently highlighted a scam email claiming to be about a £500 payment from the Scottish Government.

The team can't issue alerts for every scam. So, it's important to learn how to protect yourself online by being able to spot threats. You can do this by accessing our short and simple 'Cyber Security' courses on iLearn, designed to help you learn what to look out for.

You can access iLearn on our staff intranet via 'People Development' or you can use the camera on your mobile or tablet device to scan the QR code for instant access.



Flu vaccination - Final call

We'd like to thank everyone who has already claimed their free voucher and received a flu vaccination.

We still have a number of free e-vouchers available through our council programme. So, if you haven't already, please speak with your line manager to request one as soon as possible.

If you have a voucher but are yet to book your appointment please do so before 31 December. Vouchers will no longer be redeemable after this date.

Remember, the flu vaccine can't give you flu, but it can stop you and those you care about from catching it.

For full details go to www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/flu Vaccination

Gordon's Senior Leader Story

Our Values have never been more important. They are our motivators; they shape our lives and make us what we are.

They guide how we deliver services and make decisions every day. We asked some of our senior leaders to look back on the council's response to Covid-19 through the lens of Our Values.

Our latest story comes from our Head of Schools, Gordon McKinlay, who admits he will be quite happy not to hear the phrase of 2020 "You're on mute" quite so much in 2021. Instead, he wants us to make sure that our values continue to underpin the way we work together and that we are able to listen to one another so that none of us is on mute.

Watch Gordon's video and read his blog in the 'Your council > Our Values' section of our website at www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

Senior Leader Stories

Gordon McKinlay
Head of Schools



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