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To all currently isolating close contacts / parents/carers of close contacts of a COVID-19 Case

Date 13 December 2020 Your Ref HPT/CS/14to10 Our Ref Health Protection Team

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Email health.protection@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

Dear Parent / Carer / Colleague

The Scottish Government have announced that anyone required to self-isolate, due to contact with someone who has had a positive test for coronavirus (COVID-19) will need to do so for 10 days following updated clinical advice.

The change, taking effect from Monday 14 December 2020, will apply as follows:

- Someone who, from 14 December, has been contacted through Test and Protect; their Local Health Board or Education Authority and have been notified to self-isolate, should do so for 10 days.
- Someone who was previously instructed to self-isolate will, from 14th December, be able to stop self-isolating ten days from when they were first notified to do so.
- Close contacts include members of the same household who test positive for COVID-19 from 14th December, will now only need to isolate for 10 days, rather than 14.

This change applies only to those people who are contacts of cases, not cases themselves for whom the isolation period remains unchanged.

For more information please visit: www.gov.scot/news/reduction-in-self-isolation

Yours faithfully

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