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Re Involving staff in a major study to protect them from COVID-19 infection

I am writing to make you aware of an Urgent Public Health study which staff in your organisation may choose to participate in.

COPCOV – the Chloroquine/ hydroxychloroquine prevention of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the healthcare setting; a randomised, placebo-controlled prophylaxis study - is a clinical trial to find out if taking a daily tablet of a long-established antimalarial drug can protect people involved in health-care from catching COVID-19. It is an international study running at centres throughout the UK, one of which is <Insert local participating site name>. Although it is running out of the hospital anyone involved in health-care is eligible to take part including people who work in community care settings. Anyone working in a nursing or care home, a community hospital, any form of private care provider, a GP surgery, dental surgery or opticians could take part including cleaners, office staff, catering staff etc. I am attaching some posters with more information about the study including how to take part.

Anyone who wants more information about the study, or wants to register to take part should visit <https://www.copcov.org/participant.html>

Please feel free to circulate amongst your teams.

With many thanks

Local PI or delegate