

# COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Tuesday 6 April 2021.

**Grampian data** Here are the local figures for today (and across the Easter weekend) and the 7-day rolling positivity rate are shown below. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories, whereas the figures we show here only record new tests. If you want to see more detailed information, including cases at neighbourhood level, click [here](#) for the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard.

	Daily number of new people tested	New cases in past 24 hrs	Daily no. of contacts isolated in past 24 hrs	Patients in hospital	Patients in ITU	Deaths in hospital
Sat 03/04	479	19	103	8	1	0
Sun 04/04	351	20	139	9	1	0
Mon 05/04	478	15	92	8	1	0
Tues 06/04	338	9	48	7	1	0

389 avg daily tested last 3 days

Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 04/04/21

*NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting*

Down 6 from 05/04/21

Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today

Down 44 from 05/04/21

Reported from CMS up to 15:30 today

Down 1 from 05/04/21

Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9

No change from 05/04/21

Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - excludes patients who were +ve >28 days. ECMO patients included if flagged for COVID-19

Last recorded death 27/03

Confirmed from Trakcare

**7 day rolling positivity rate on 04/4 1.27%**

**Myths are still around** The national media are making much of the success of the UK's vaccination programme and the ever increasing availability of Lateral Flow Device tests but they do not necessarily emphasise the way that the availability of these services can cause some misconceptions.

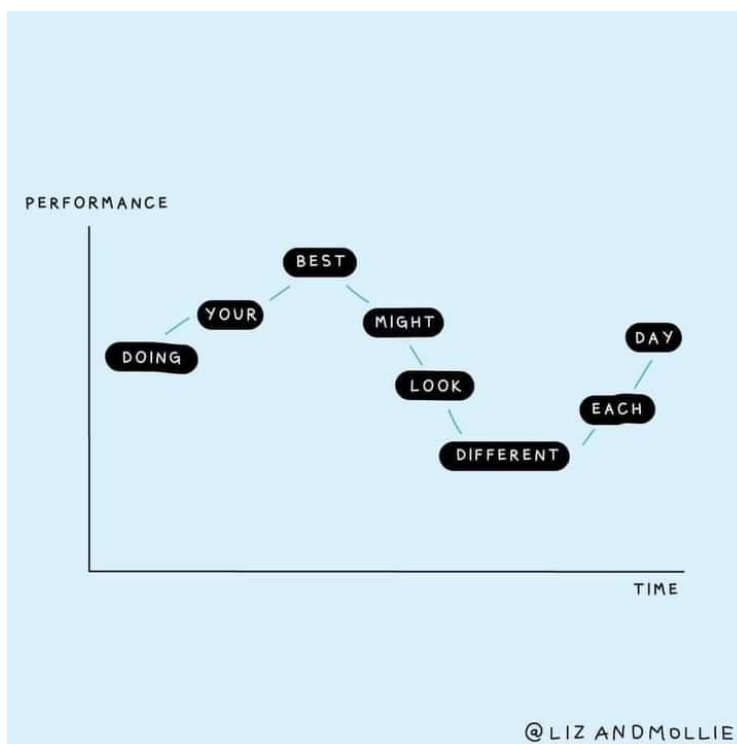
The vaccine misconceptions include if you have had the vaccination (a) you don't need to socially distance any more (b) you can't catch Covid-19 and (c) if you develop symptoms you don't need to get a test. In each case the answer is 'wrong', 'wrong' and 'wrong'. The vaccine does not protect 100% of people and so vaccinated individuals can still catch the virus, can have no symptoms and can pass it on to others. The LFD misconceptions include that if you are a contact of a confirmed case and then have a negative result from an LFD, then you don't need to isolate any more. Again 'wrong'. The purpose of this test for a contact is to find out if it has become positive and therefore requiring self-isolation from the date of the test. A negative test does not mean that you can't become a case during the rest of the incubation period.

**Scottish Government update** During today's update the First Minister confirmed the first batch of Moderna vaccine has arrived in Scotland. The particular storage requirements of this vaccine mean it's use will be focused on Scotland's mass vaccination centres, including P&J Live at TECA. The government are stressing that these supplies have already been factored into vaccine programme planning and will not therefore lead to an acceleration of the programme.

Also included in the update was confirmation that secondary schools will resume, full-time, from the end of the Easter break (Monday 12 April for City and Moray schools, Monday 19 April for Aberdeenshire schools). The only exception to this will be for those young people who were advised to shield; their return to school or college will take place on Monday 26 April, when all of Scotland is expected to move to Level 3 restrictions.

**A conversation with HRH The Duke of Cambridge** We're pleased to say that Dr Derek Cox, our clinical lead for contact tracing, recently spoke to The Duke about the work being done to tackle COVID-19. Prince William was interested to learn about the challenges faced by Test & Protect and asked for his personal thanks to be passed on to the team. Well done to all of them!

### Thought for the day



**Questions to ask? Information to share?** If you have particular questions – or are aware of questions coming from friends and family – please share them with us. We may not be able to answer every question and it may take us time to get a proper answer, but we will endeavour to respond and share the answers. You can get in touch with us via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot). Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.