

COVID-19 Brief

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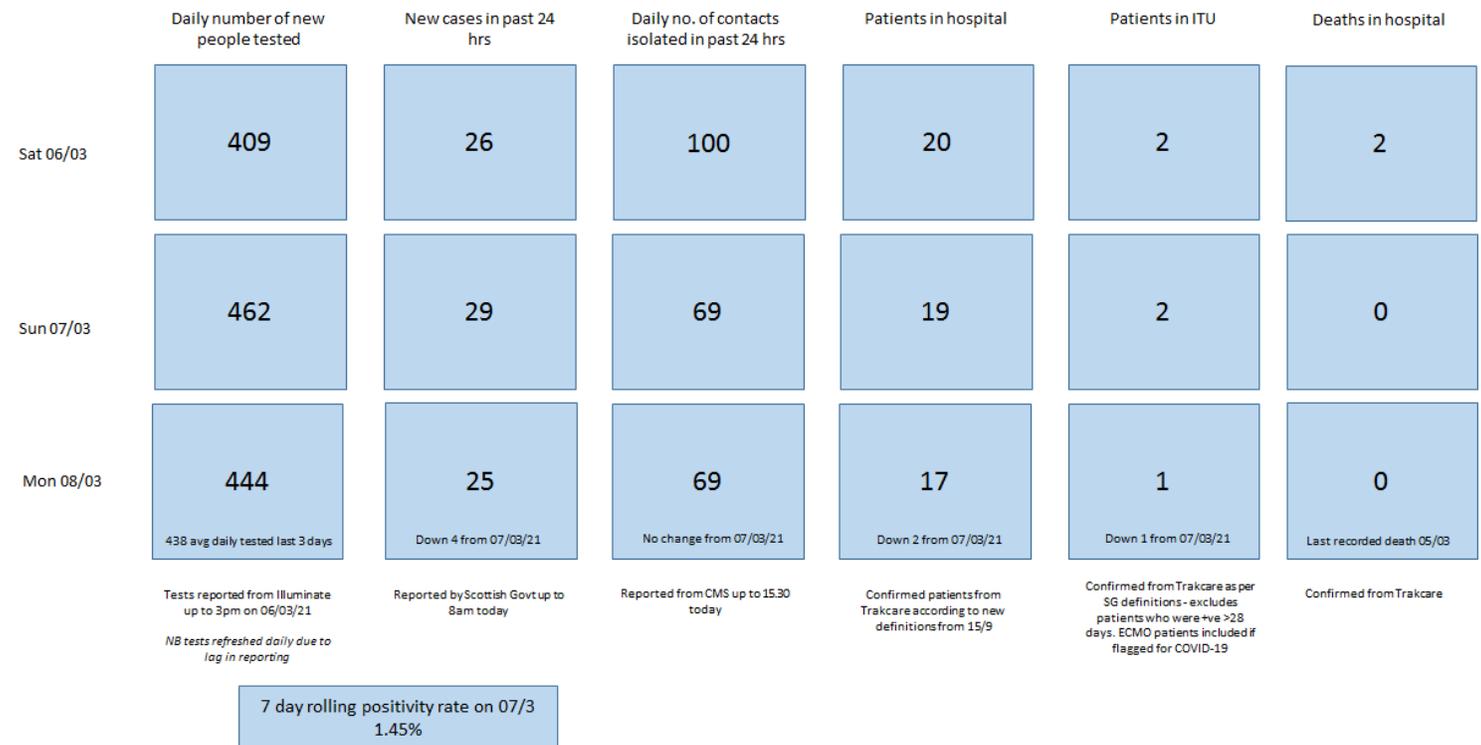


Here is the brief for Monday 8 March 2021.

Chief Executive's Update For this week's update, Paul Allen (Director of Facilities & eHealth) takes the reins, highlighting the crucial role played by both the portering and the grounds teams. Also featured are Kenny Robertson and Andy Thomson. To watch the video, just click [here](#). Remember, you can contact Caroline Hiscox any time, by emailing gram.grampianchiefexecutive@nhs.scot

COVID-19 vaccination programme – transport Travelling to a vaccination appointment is regarded as an essential journey. A significant amount of support is being made available to assist members of the public to attend their vaccine appointments. The THInC helpline can provide advice on the community transport options available. It is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm and can be contacted on 01467 536111 or by email travel@thinc-hub.org. In addition, though car sharing with someone from another household is not recommended at present, it is permitted if this is the only way to attend a vaccination appointment. Information on the precautions both driver and passenger should take is available [here](#).

Grampian data The local figures for today (and over the 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.



Alpha Solway H-3 and HX-3 FFP3 masks Alpha Solway recently introduced an updated version of the H-3 FFP3 mask called the HX-3. Assessments are underway to confirm that these FFP3 masks are interchangeable. Until this is confirmed, please check the box when getting a mask to make sure it is the exact model of the Alpha Solway H series mask you passed your face-fit test on.

COVID-19 Update Lecture Series

There are two lectures taking place this week:

On Wednesday (10 March) Dr Kirsty Thorpe, Palliative Care Consultant will be discussing will explore the initial reactions of the palliative care community to the COVID-19 pandemic, the experience of the Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Team in ARI and the development of the Scottish Palliative Care Guidance on End of Life Care in COVID-19.

On Thursday (11 March) Dr Murray Smith, Consultant Liaison Psychiatrist and Dr Maggie Whyte, Consultant Clinical Neuropsychologist, will discuss the impact of the pandemic on psychiatry patients and services, the work of the COVID-19 Psychology Hub, support to NHS staff, and the set-up of Psychology Services for Long COVID.

This series of lectures, running through March and April on MS Teams, is aimed at senior healthcare students but open to all members of staff. Join MS Team GRAM Covid Updates to watch and participate in discussion, the code to join is 3sentfi

PPE donning and doffing training This training is available every Tuesday at 11am, via Teams. You can book your space by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

Evening Express articles Regular readers of the Evening Express will already have seen the series of articles they are running entitled 'COVID – One year on'. We worked closely with the paper to produce this series, with interviews with Adam Coldwells (deputy Chief Executive) and Dr Vhairi Bateman (Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology) already published. Thank you to everyone who was so willing to participate and help us share with the general public what the last year has been like.

Question of the Day – results Last week we asked you about feeling safe at work – in all the different settings we can find ourselves. As of 15:30 259 people have given their views and the results are as follows:

Thinking about your current workplace & feeling safe from the risk of infection, do you agree with these statements? Skip any that do not apply.

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It's clear that those of you who responded are generally feeling positive about safety in the workplace. All our workplaces have changed a lot over the last year, with a range of new measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection. We'll be continuing our focus on Safer Workplaces in the briefs this week, so watch this space.

Thought for the day 8 March is International Women's Day. To mark the occasion, local designer [Bramble Graphics](#) has taken a very Doric look at the Little Miss characters – which one are you?

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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. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.