

COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Monday 2 August 2021.

Grampian data Here is the local update for today (and across the weekend), including the 7-day rolling positivity rate. 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. The figure for the “daily number of new people tested” is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously.

	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 31/7	421	70	207	41	8	1
Sun 01/08	477	115	239	42	8	2
Mon 02/08	390	64	185	38	8	0

429 avg daily tested last 3 days	Down 51 from 01/08/21	Down 54 from 01/08/21	Down 4 from 01/8/21	No change from 01/8/21	Last recorded death 01/08/21
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Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 31/7/21 <i>NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting</i>	Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today	Reported from CMS up to midnight	Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9	Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - excludes patients who were +ve >28 days. ECMO patients included if flagged for COVID-19	Confirmed from Trakcare
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7 day rolling positivity rate on 31/7
4.23%

A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

Dress policy If you are required to wear a uniform as part of work duties, you are reminded, as per the Dress Policy, that this should only be worn in the work environment. There may be occasions when it is appropriate to be in uniform outwith the workplace whilst engaged on NHS Grampian business. You may need to travel to work in uniform due to limited changing facilities, if this is done the uniform must be hidden by an over garment. **You must not undertake personal activities such as shopping whilst wearing uniform.** [The Dress Policy is available to read in full on the intranet – this link will only work on networked devices](#)

iMatter staff survey As part of the annual iMatter staff survey, the 'team confirmation' stage commenced today (2 August) and will run until Friday 27 August. During this time, all managers on the system will be sent an email link and are requested to log-in to the iMatter system and update their teams. **This must be done by 5pm on 27 August.** The survey phase will thereafter commence on Monday 30 August running until 20 September. Any queries about the survey during this time should be sent to gram.imatter@nhs.scot

Strategic plans for Aberdeen City and NHS Grampian – get involved! NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership are currently refreshing their strategic plans and as such are keen for community members and staff alike to help shape these, as we learn to live with COVID. Due to the different delegation of services and geography of the two organisations, these are distinct processes. However, due to the similar timeframes for this work it does offer an opportunity to take a collaborative approach. Both teams will be sharing experiences to make best use of resources and avoid duplication and outcomes from both engagement processes will help inform plans going forward.

[More information on the NHS Grampian plan for the future is available online](#) – this link includes details on requesting a paper copy of the questionnaire.

There are a number of ways those of you working in Aberdeen City can get involved and have your say on the local strategic plan. A staff engagement session will be held via Microsoft Teams on 19 August, 10-11am. [To book a place please click on this link](#). Alternatively, [you can complete the following survey by 3 September 2021](#) or by emailing ACHSCPTransformation@aberdeencity.gov.uk with your views.

Change to location of Teams meeting recordings Microsoft is changing the default location where the recordings of Teams meetings are stored. **This change will be applied for all users on Wednesday 4 August.**

- Recordings of Meetings scheduled via Outlook

At present, once a meeting has completed, the recording is stored on Stream and posted in the meeting chat for all attendees (with access to the chat) to access. The person who started the recording also receives an email with a link to open the recording through Stream.

From 4 August, the recording will **still be accessible** to meeting participants via the meeting chat. Instead of Stream, however, **a copy of the recording will now be saved in the one-drive of the person who started the recording.** This person can then upload a copy of the recording from their one drive to TEAMS and edit permissions as they wish.

- Recordings of Meetings scheduled via a TEAMS Channel

From 4 August, recordings of Teams channel meetings will **automatically be saved in a folder named Recordings in the channel's Sharepoint file library and not on Stream.**

Current meetings recorded prior to 4 August will still be available via Stream as current practice.

Further details of this change can be found in the [user guidance](#) which is available via the M365 Skills Hub. The guidance covers all aspects of the change and should answer most queries. If you do have any additional questions, please join the [Grampian Digital Champions Team](#) where your query may have already been answered.

Orange Award The warmest of 'well dones' to Iris Martin (Retail Catering Team Leader), a recent winner of the Orange Award. It's really straightforward to nominate an individual (or team) for an Orange Award – [you can either complete the online nomination form](#) or drop an email to gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot

Thought for the day It's set to be a big week, as we look ahead to an announcement (tomorrow) from the Scottish Government on what life 'beyond zero' may look like. Some of you may be itching to move onto the next phase, others may be feeling anxious at the prospect of more change. Wherever you sit, it's worth remembering two important things: 1. Working in health & social care means we take a naturally cautious approach, to protect the most vulnerable in society. Therefore, safety measures, like face masks and physical distancing, could likely stay with us longer than for those in the 'outside world' and 2. Never doubt your ability to adapt and cope. Over the last 16 months we have proved again and again that we are capable of great things, things we might never have believed possible in the 'before' times. We can do this.

Tune of the day A big thank to Mike Adams for his suggestion for today's tune – [Waitin' on a Sunny Day by Bruce Springsteen](#). As The Boss himself says, "don't worry, we're going to find a way"

Get in touch! If you've got a question, an item to share with people working in health & social care, or just want to suggest a tune of the day, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot.