

COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Friday January 7 2022.

Surge ward staffing As you may know, we are preparing to open general medicine surge ward 303/304 next week. Ahead of this, our portfolio leads have, wrote to all adult nurses and health care support workers across NHS Grampian asking for volunteers to be deployed to staff this area.

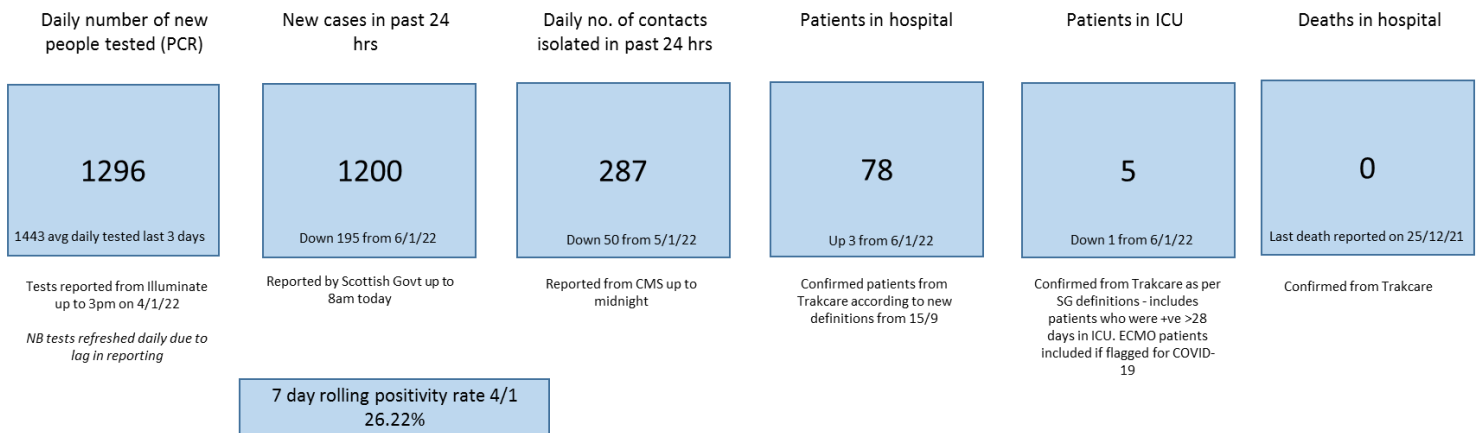
We would like to thank you all for the excellent level of responses we received.

This will allow the ward to open from Monday and ensure as many patients as possible receive the best standard of care as possible.

Although the deadline on the letter has passed, any adult nurses or health care support workers interested in volunteering to be deployed to 303/304 can still contact Chief Nurse June Barnard on 58884.

We want to once again thank all staff for all they have done in supporting the response to the Covid-19 pandemic to this point.

Grampian data Here is the local Grampian data update for today.



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

Our weekly situation report is explained in this [video](#), providing context and explanation behind the headlines. However a quick summary of key stats in the past week to 5th Jan 2022 include:

- 56% increase in detected cases. An average of 1596 cases per day vs 1022 last week
- 64% increase in covid admissions. An average of 12 admissions per day vs 7 last week
- 47% increase in covid occupancy. Latest day had 78 patients in hospital, representing more than half the levels of occupancy seen at the peak in January last year

Based on our modelling data, we anticipate a continued and significant growth in the levels of the disease placing even more significant pressure on care homes, primary care teams, community teams and hospitals. The covid patients admitted to hospital now are those infected on or around Christmas

day. Since then, we have seen extremely high daily case numbers – the effect of which will become apparent as we go through the next fortnight.

There is no doubt that we are entering one of our most challenging times in health and social care. Yesterday we mentioned the importance of collective actions and we will continue to make the difference by working together. We are fortunate to have strong collaborative working with Partners, making it possible to ask for and receive support to help in the coming weeks.

Tune of the day You don't need us to tell you that on this day in 1948 Kenny Loggins emerged into the world – Happy 74th birthday Mr Loggins. As a result here's today's song [Footloose](#) – Friday bonus points to anyone who can cut shapes like Kevin Bacon.

Linda Peddie was in touch earlier this week to ask we dedicated a tune to our Test and Protect team and for incredible efforts they go to on a day-to-day basis – so this one is for you guys!

We're always on the look out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.