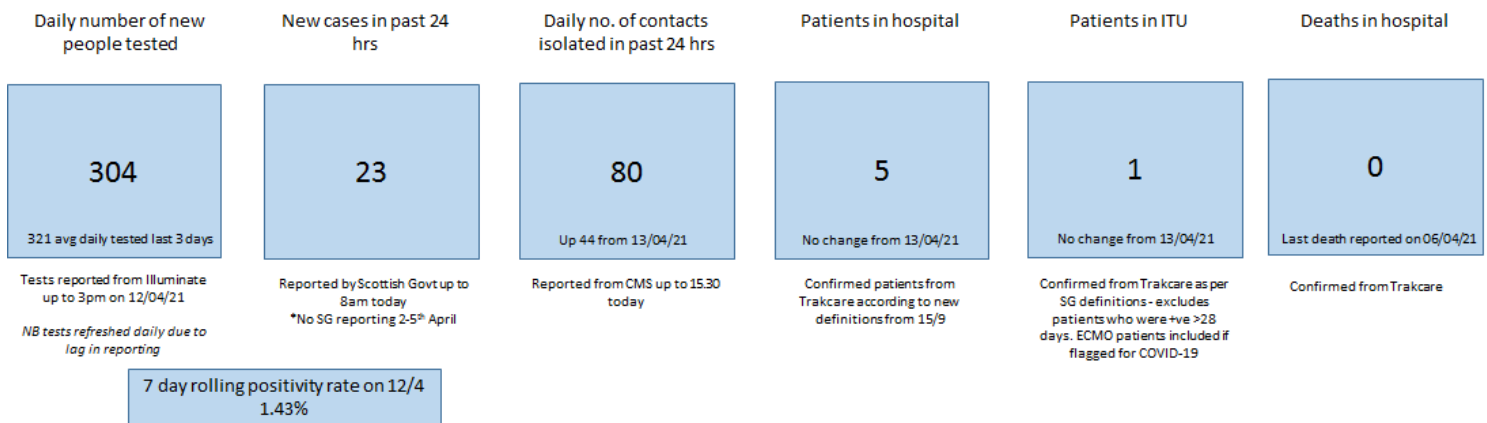


Here is the brief for Wednesday 14 April 2021.

Return of schools With primary and secondary schools already back in Aberdeen City and Moray – and due to return in Aberdeenshire on Monday – Dr Derek Cox (Consultant in Public Health Medicine) has recorded some short videos with advice for parents, pupils, and staff alike. These cover the importance of [staying away from school with symptoms](#), the best way to [use face masks](#), and testing with [Lateral Flow Devices](#) (now available to secondary pupils). We will be sharing these via the NHS Grampian social media accounts in the coming days. They are also available by clicking the appropriate links above or by searching for NHS Grampian on YouTube.

COVID-19 admission screening pathway Please be mindful that the current COVID-19 admission screening pathway includes a further PCR swab being obtained for all inpatients on day five. Further information on this is available [here](#) (Intranet link, networked devices only).

Grampian data The local figures for today 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.

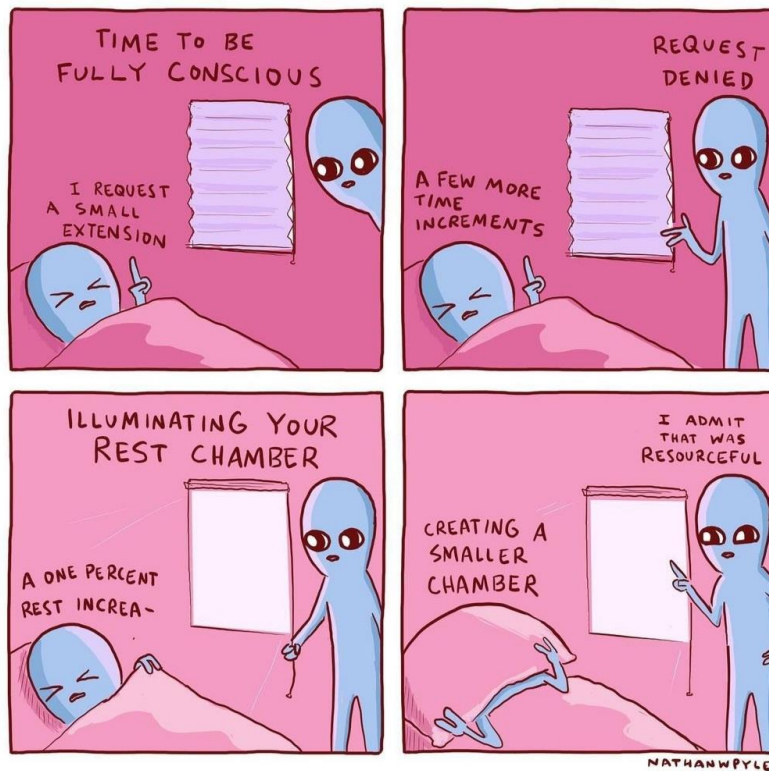


Reminder – change to visiting restrictions From 26 April, and as directed by the Scottish Government, all patients will have the opportunity to nominate one family member OR friend to visit them for the duration of their stay, or to attend outpatient appointments with them. The number of visitors per patient may increase as we move out of the pandemic and towards fully person centred visiting but will be limited to one at present.

Please keep an eye on the [Visiting page](#) of the COVID-19 section of our website for changes to visiting restrictions. These changes will replace the current essential visitor criteria which identifies groups of vulnerable patients more likely to require a visitor.

We understand this will raise lots of questions and are currently pulling together our suite of resources to provide as much guidance and clarity as possible. If you have a question you would like to be covered in the guidance please share with kirsten.dickson@nhs.scot

Thought for the day This cartoon (by [Nathan W Pyle](#)) goes out to all of you getting back into the school routine:



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.