

COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Monday 30 August 2021.

Grampian data The local update for today – and across the weekend – is shown below.

	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 28/08	1124	310	410	24	7	0
Sun 29/08	872	339	254	26	8	0
Mon 30/08	1147	182	231	26	8	0

1048 avg daily tested last 3 days

Down 157 from 29/08/21

Down 23 from 28/08/21

No change from 29/8/21

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Last recorded death 27/08/21

Tests reported from illuminate up to 3pm on 28/8/21

NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting

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

7 day rolling positivity rate on 28/8
8.59%

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

Nurse Directors Town Hall talks Following the success of previous events the Nurse Directors have decided to hold a Town Hall Talk every two weeks. At least two Nurse Directors will be available for these talks and talks are open to all nursing and midwifery colleagues to attend. The evaluation highlighted that it would be beneficial for questions to be posed in advance, if anyone wishes to send question(s) in advance of the town hall talk they are attending then please send to Lyndsay Cassie (lyndsay.cassie@nhs.scot).

Dates/Times/Links as per below, please share with nursing and midwifery colleagues:

Wednesday 8 September – 12:15-12:45 – Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 122 863 019 0

Thursday 23 September – 11:30-12 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 121 317 697 8

Wednesday 6 October – 10-10:30 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 129 966 008 4

Monday 18 October – 11-11:30 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 127 746 531 6

Wednesday 3 November – 10-10:30 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 126 201 514 3

Monday 15 November – 11-11:30 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 125 077 646 5

Monday 29 November – 11:30-12 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 126 487 351 9

Thursday 16 December – 2-2:30 - Join on your computer or mobile app [Click here to join the meeting](#), Join with a video conferencing device 28485375@t.plcm.vc, Video Conference ID: 123 686 447 4

Discharge Hub telephone service The Discharge Hub telephone service at ARI is moving to an automated service as of **Tuesday 31 August at 8am**. The new contact number for the discharge hub will be 01224 550700/ Ext 50700. The old number will no longer be in use after this time.

iMatter staff survey Email invitations to participate in the annual iMatter staff survey are now being issued. The survey window is open until 20 September, and we are all encouraged to participate. This should take 5-10 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Any queries about the survey during this time should be sent to gram.imatter@nhs.scot

Top tips for protecting data Over the coming days we're going to be sharing some 'quick wins' from the Information Commissioner's Office on how to reduce the risk of data incidents. [You can see the full list from the ICO on their website](#) – we're updating some of them to add local context. If you have any questions or concerns about data protection, please contact Information Governance - gram.infogovernance@nhs.scot If you think you've had a data incident, please report it via Datix immediately.

- Take care when printing and photocopying

If you're printing or photocopying on a shared printer, check you've left nothing behind before returning to your desk. Put a sign at the printer to remind staff to collect all of their paperwork, including original copies. Collect your information immediately after pressing print on your computer so it isn't left unattended. When you print change the 'job type' to 'locked print' and add a pin number with the 'details' button so only you can collect the information you print from the printer.

- Double-check letters before posting them

Picking up two letters instead of one is an easy mistake to make if you're working your way through a stack of them. Ask a colleague to double-check that the right letter is in the right envelope before you post them. Or you could use place-markers to help you spot where one letter ends and the next one starts.

Scottish Health Awards 2021 Nominations have now closed for the annual Scottish Health Awards. We're pleased to say 40 nominations were received for NHS Grampian, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to make nominations. These will now go forward for shortlisting and finalists will be announced in due course.

COP26 Glasgow will host COP26, the UN climate conference, in November. If you are keen to learn more about the event, [an e-learning package has been prepared](#). This is not exclusive to health & social care staff and can be shared widely, as wished.

Thought for the day To put it mildly, the daily data hasn't made for the greatest reading for some time now. While our component local authorities of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, and Moray sit towards the bottom of the chart for cases per 100,000 of the population, we should recognise that makes us the 'least worst' rather than the best. It's easy to look at the figures and feel frustrated or angry (or both) – that's certainly where my head has been at in recent days. I wish I had some new words of wisdom for you all – I've spent a lot of time reflecting on this. Ultimately, I keep coming back to the same thing – we keep going. Keep making smart, sensible, safe choices for ourselves, and counselling our friends, families, colleagues, neighbours to do the same, where we can. By all means, scream into a pillow or shake your fist at the sky too, if it helps, just don't lose yourself to the anger or frustration

Tune of the day Sophie Ellis-Bextor tried to warn us, but it seems not *everyone* was listening. Her 2001 classic [Murder on the Dancefloor](#) is our tune of the day (yes, my tongue is firmly in my cheek with this choice. If you know, you know.)

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.