## COVID-19Brief



Here is the brief for Monday 20 September 2021.

**Chief Executive's Update** We start today with a message from Prof Caroline Hiscox. <u>In this short video</u>, she speaks about the continued pressure we are all feeling across health & social care, and how the leadership teams will be supporting the system.

**Autumn/Winter vaccination – self booking portal** We expect the national system to allow health & social care staff to book their 'flu jab and COVID booster (if eligible) will open tomorrow. More information has been shared with us, including a step-by-step guide to booking your appointment. We have shared this below– this presentation has also been attached to the email used to send out this brief. Please do take a look at the slides in full, as they also contain information on the COVID-19 booster programme and links to a number of useful documents.

- 1. Before you start: it will help you if you have the following to hand:
- CHI number
- Date of second dose
- A note of which one of the four role groups you are in:

Frontline healthcare worker, including Independent NHS contractor who delivers direct personal care

Non-frontline NHS worker

Social care worker who delivers direct personal care

A frontline funeral operative

- 2. Go on to NHS Inform; click on the portal <u>link</u>: <u>https://vacs.nhs.scot/csp</u>. Read the guidance notes online if you are unsure about your eligibility having read the notes, speak to your line manager.
- 3. Input personal details so that the system can find your records.
- 4. You will then be offered five options, and invited to choose one:

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Non-frontline NHS worker

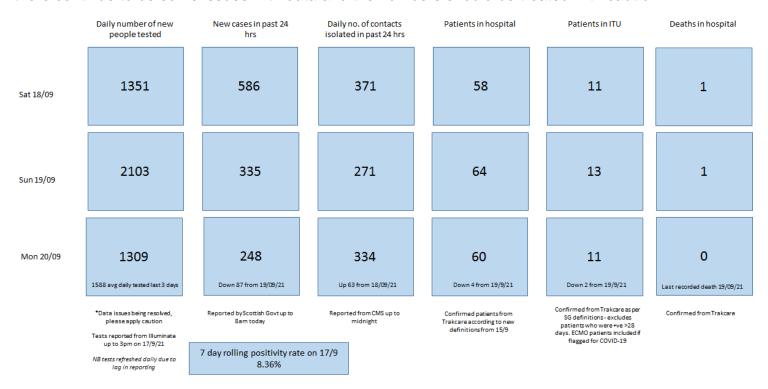
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None of these apply to me

5. You will be offered a selection of dates, times and venues - book the one you want, you will get confirmation by text or email

**Grampian data** The local update for today (and across the weekend) is shown below. Please note, there continue to be some issues with data and the numbers should be treated with caution.



The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.

Want to join the '90 day improvement cycle' team? Emergency Departments across Scotland are under intense pressure to meet levels of patient demand. The outline planning phase has been completed and it is now time to implement the improvement work that will make a tangible difference to patient flow in Grampian in 90 days. If you think you can make a difference and want to be part of this fast-moving project, consult the slide attached to the email used to send out this brief.

**PPE donning and doffing training** Regular training sessions on the correct way to donn and doff your PPE are offered by the Infection Prevention & Control Team. The following dates are available for booking, just email <a href="mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot">gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot</a> to grab your slot.

- Tuesday 21 September 11am
- Wednesday 29 September 11am
- Tuesday 5 October 11am
- Wednesday 20 October 11am

**Sustainable projects - have your say** As highlighted in Friday's brief, we are currently running a poll which lets you influence the order in which NHS Grampian undertakes sustainability projects. This link will give you a brief description of the projects and let you rank them. Thank you to everyone who has already taken the opportunity to get involved.

**Tune of the day** It's Rebecca Henderson who takes the reins today – suggesting an evergreen classic in the shape of <u>Dignity by Deacon Blue</u>. This song will be – for me – forever associated with the closing ceremony of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, when Deacon Blue performed it as members of the various public services in Glasgow took a lap of honour. The memory of the local scaffies, practically hanging out of their vehicle in celebration, will stay with me for a long time!

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 <a href="mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot">gram.communications@nhs.scot</a> That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.