

# COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Thursday 22 July 2021.

**Treatment of COVID-19** Following updated advice from the Scottish Antimicrobial Management Group (SAPG) the NHS Grampian Antimicrobial Management Team (AMT) have updated our local guidance relating to treatment of COVID-19 and the documents can be found at the following links:

[Updated advice on hospital antibiotic management and antimicrobial stewardship in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic \(scot.nhs.uk\)](#) (Intranet link, networked devices only)

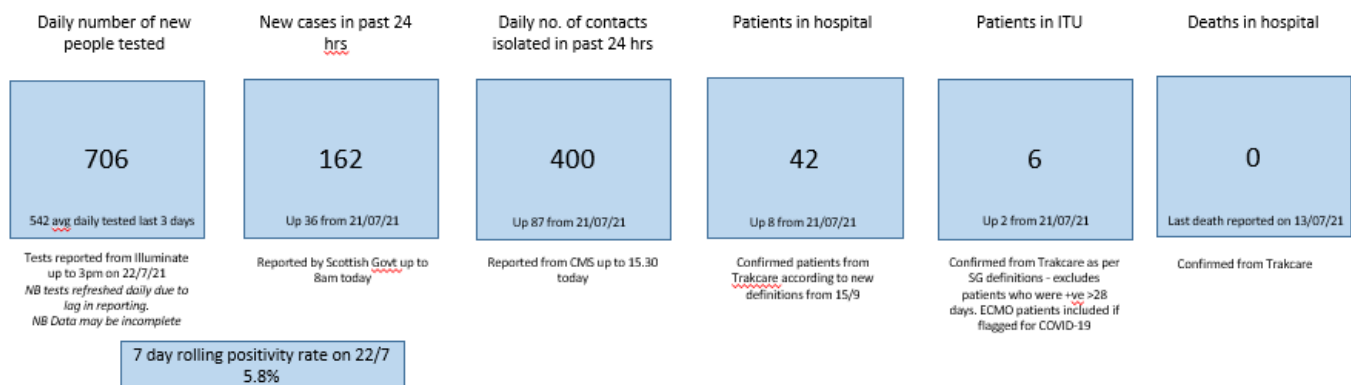
[Advice On Management Of People With Respiratory Infections Presenting In The Community During The COVID-19 Pandemic \(nhsgrampian.org\)](#)

Please familiarise yourself with these documents should you be involved in the care of patients with COVID-19 infection.

Antimicrobial Stewardship remains an important priority in NHS Grampian and our wider range of guidelines can be found at [Antimicrobial guidance \(nhsgrampian.org\)](#). For any questions please contact the Antimicrobial Pharmacists at [gram.antibioticpharmacists@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.antibioticpharmacists@nhs.scot)

**COVID-19 vaccination status** If you require proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status this can be obtained either online or by phoning the COVID-19 Status Helpline on 0808 196 8565. The helpline is open every day from 10.00am to 6.00pm. [All the information you need to obtain proof online is available on the NHS Inform website](#). If you were vaccinated as part of the staff programme, or no longer have your 'blue envelope' letter, which contained your username, you will need to follow the instructions on 'recovering your username' at the above link. Vaccination status is not proof of identity. It does not guarantee access to international travel.

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



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

**Equality & Diversity Workforce Monitoring Report** By law, public bodies in Scotland must produce this report annually; [the 2020/21 NHS Grampian report is now available online](#). It is designed as a general indicator of how well staff with a “protected characteristic” are being treated. The 9 “protected characteristics” as defined by the Equality Act 2010 are:

- Race
- Disability
- Sex (male or female)
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Gender reassignment
- Age
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Marriage and civil partnership

The report contains a great deal of useful information. Comments on the content or suggestions for improvements will be most welcome and should be emailed to: [gram.equalityfeedback@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.equalityfeedback@nhs.scot)

**PPE donning & doffing training** This training is taking place fortnightly during the school holiday period. The next session will take place on 3 August at 11am via Teams. You can book your place by emailing [gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot)

**Scottish Health Awards 2021** Nominations are open for this year’s Scottish Health Awards, recognising the best and brightest working in healthcare throughout Scotland. [There are 16 categories, full details are available on the event website](#); nominations close on 26 August.

**Tune of the day** I have to thank Lorraine Finn for bringing this particular cover version to wider attention – [Foo Fighters transform into the ‘DeeGees’ and go disco with their version of You Should Be Dancing](#). Dave Grohl does a commendable falsetto and, if you enjoy that, there’s actually a whole album to savour, called (what else) Hail Satin.

**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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot).