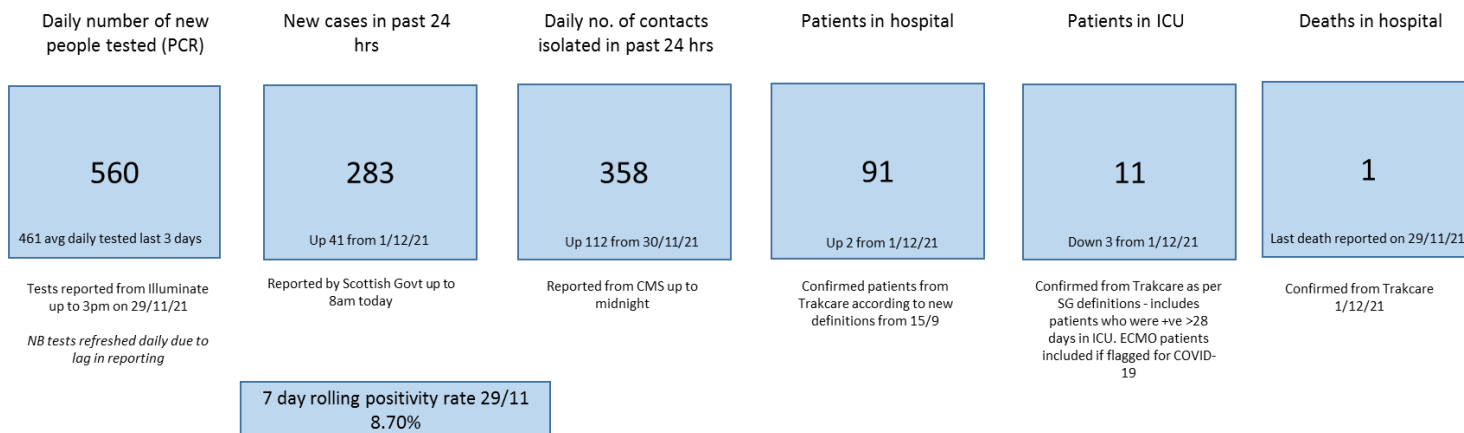


Here is the brief for Thursday 2 December 2021.

COVID-19 testing and transfer of patients to care homes The COVID-19 testing arrangements have been updated for the transfer of COVID and non-COVID patients from the hospital setting to nursing & care homes, as follows:

- For patients who have recovered from COVID-19, clearance samples are no longer required **if they have completed their 14-day isolation period**. The patient would be COVID-19 test exempt **up to and until** they are 90 days post infection.
- For patients who have COVID-19, but who have not completed the minimum 14-day isolation period, transfer can be negotiated if appropriate. The 14-day isolation period would be completed within the Nursing / Care home, but 2 x negative tests 24 hours apart are required prior to enacting the transfer.
- All non-COVID transfers will also be isolated on transfer as per current Nursing / Care Home policies and will require a single negative SARS COV2 / COVID-19 result, obtained within the 48 hours preceding the transfer.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below.



[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#)

National Distribution Centre (NDC) - Winter schedule 2021 The ordering and delivery schedule for NDC stores orders will change during weeks 50, 52, 52 and week 1. [An updated schedule is available on the intranet, please review and adhere to it.](#)

Stores Cages To avoid disruption to the local and national supply chains it is critical stores cages be returned after use. Cages should not be used to hold stock within a department or solve storage problems. All stores cages should be returned to Central Stores as soon as possible. If you're based on the Foresterhill Health Campus, please contact your local porter for collection. If you have cages awaiting collection outwith the Foresterhill Health Campus, please contact the Transport Department gram.transportlogistics@nhs.scot for uplift.

THInC - Transport to Healthcare Information Centre THInC can provide advice and help patients make their own transport arrangements. To help alleviate some of the current pressure on services, when appropriate patients should be encouraged through conversations to arrange their own transport before other options are explored. If patients do not require the support of ambulance transport, then they should make every effort to arrange their own travel to their appointment, for example by using public transport or by asking family or friends for a lift before other options are explored. If the patient is unable to make their own arrangements, then they can call THInC for advice and help on 01467 536111, Monday to Friday between 9am and 4.30pm, or email them on travel@thinc-hub.org. In some cases, THInC may be able to arrange transport on the patient's behalf and at the patient's cost. A flyer for THInC has been attached to the email used to send out this brief, please share as appropriate.

Plan for the Future – Positivitree Today we are sharing another 'Positivitree'. This is the product of public engagement sessions to support the new NHS Grampian strategy. It reflects the high esteem in which the public hold health & social care services, from acute teams to community staff, from pharmacies, to our colleagues in the Scottish Ambulance Service.



Advent Achievements Today's good news item is hot off the press! Following the request in last night's brief, asking for staff to support checks on vulnerable residents after Storm Arwen, we can confirm 22 members of staff got in touch. We've done some quick sums and approximately 150 hours of volunteer support have been offered. To turn that around, at such short notice, and recognising everything we are already dealing with, is nothing short of amazing. You're quite some bunch, do you know that?

Tune of the day And now for something completely different! Christian Nicolson suggests a song that's brand new to me (and I suspect many of you) – [Sunlight by The One AM Radio](#). In case you missed it yesterday, the festive tunes will be making an appearance soon – have patience and enjoy our [Christmas playlist](#) if you really can't wait!

If you want to request a song for tune of the day, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via gram.communications@nhs.scot