

# COVID-19 Brief

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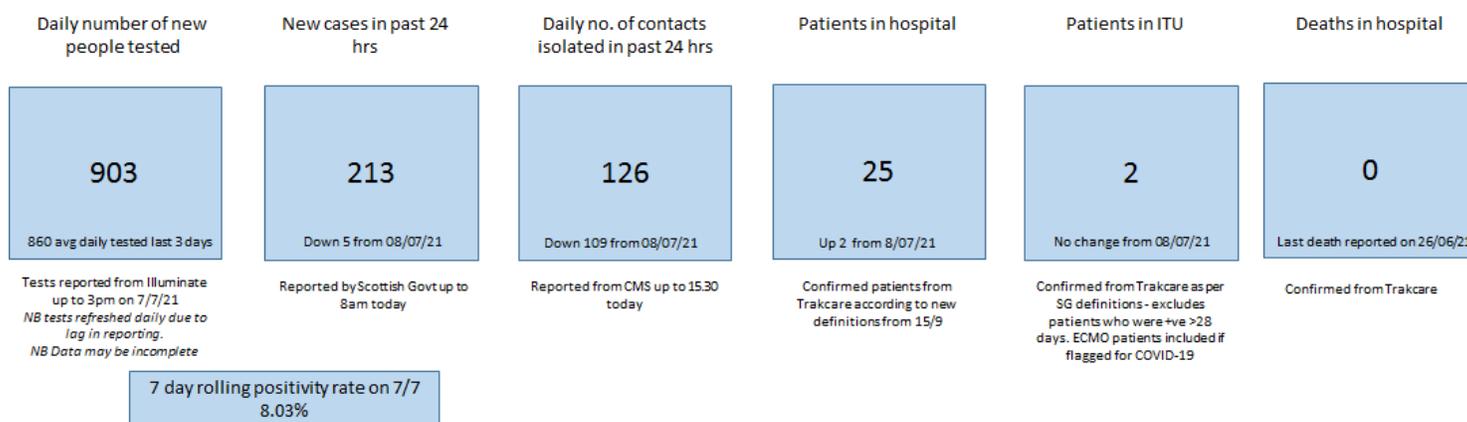


Here is the brief for Friday 9 July 2021.

**HR Q&As** At the start of the pandemic, a comprehensive Q&A was put together by the HR team. This is updated regularly and contains a wealth of information on self-isolation, returning to the workplace, and special leave to name but a few. This is publicly available on the NHS Grampian website (link below) and we would encourage any member of NHS Grampian staff with queries to refer to it.

[The HR Q&A documents can be viewed by clicking this link.](#)

**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. As noted in the diagram below, we have been advised the testing data may be incomplete.



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

**Executive Nurse Director appointment** As announced earlier today, Dr June Brown has been appointed to the position of Executive Nurse Director for NHS Grampian. Dr Brown has been fulfilling the role of Interim Executive Nurse Director since November 2020 and brings to the post a wealth of experience from her career locally in Grampian, with Scottish Government and, during a career break from NHS Grampian, in foreign health systems.

June said: “I’m delighted to be appointed to the Executive Nurse Director post. Over the past 8 months I have had the privilege, in the interim role, to have worked alongside a great team during these important and unprecedented times. I look forward to continuing professionally leading nurses, midwives, and allied health professionals as we recover, remobilise, and renew our services, alongside managing the demands of the pandemic. At the beginning of my career as a newly registered learning disability nurse I never imagined I would be in this position today. I’m very excited to bring my passion for person centred practice to this role.”

**Clinical waste segregation** We have been advised that the company which processes NHS Grampian’s clinical waste is under significant pressure at present. In order to support them, all staff are reminded about the importance of segregating waste and ensuring clinical waste is disposed of in the appropriate waste streams.

**Workplace culture – how we use your feedback** [Tom Power \(Director of People & Culture\)](#) and [Rachael Little \(Employee Director\)](#) have asked us to share this video update with you all. It reflects on the way the organisation has used staff feedback to guide decisions in the workplace.

**PPE 3 week look ahead:**

PPE Summary - Predicted Equipment Remaining at the end of each week

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
July 5, 2021	265,835	256,075	10,323	5,351	41,687	1,101,233	2,441,512
July 12, 2021	267,774	257,599	10,336	5,730	42,014	1,101,233	2,441,512
July 19, 2021	269,714	259,124	10,349	6,109	42,341	1,101,233	2,441,512
July 26, 2021	271,654	260,649	10,362	6,488	42,669	1,101,233	2,441,512

Stock < 0
  Stock <= 2 Days
  Stock <= 5 Days
  Stock > 5 Days

**Thought for the day** What a week, eh? As ever, let's be grateful that we made it through in (more or less) one piece. Monday is a Public Holiday for NHS Grampian, so the brief will be enjoying a three-day weekend. We hope you are able to do the same, though the weather forecast is, predictably, sub-par. Please take some time to rest and recuperate over the coming days. Do one thing that is just for you – not for colleagues, your manager, your family, your friends – just for you. Read. Eat chocolate. Watch your favourite film. Play your favourite music. Go outside. Stay inside. Whatever it is, do it for you. Take care and we will see you all on Tuesday.

**Tune of the day** A big thank you to Lesley Raitt, making today's request on behalf of her and all the clerical team at Chalmers Hospital. She's taking us back to the 1990s, with [D:Ream and Things Can Only Get Better](#). Enjoy!

**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).