

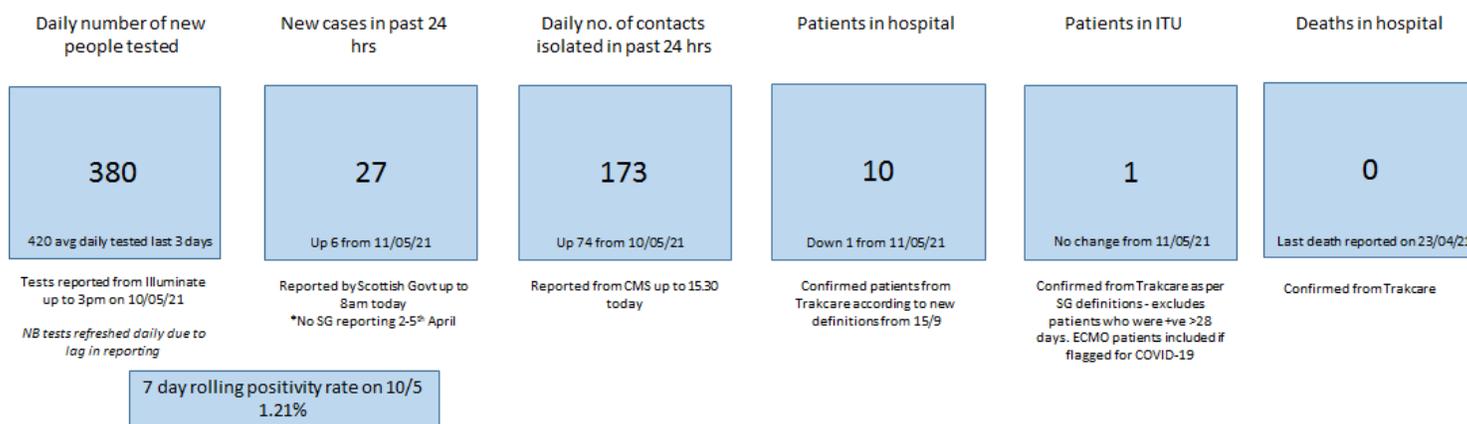
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Wednesday 12 May 2021.

Grampian data The local figures for today and the 7-day rolling positivity rate are shown below. 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, whereas the figures we show here only record new tests.



Technical issues at Public Health Scotland have been resolved, so their daily dashboard is available to view [here](#). You can use this to see what is happening in local authorities and at neighbourhood level.

Long COVID study launched in Scotland Today has seen the launch of the COVID in Scotland Study (CISS), a national research study into the impact of the virus. Backed by the Scottish Government, Public Health Scotland, NHS Scotland, and led by the University of Glasgow, the team intend to contact everyone in Scotland who had a positive COVID-19 test as well as a comparison group of people who tested negative. As we know, most people with the virus generally recover within three weeks, but a significant number of people are still dealing with the after-effects of the illness weeks or even months later. The study aims to understand how many people are affected and what the impact has been. For more information about the study, you can visit their dedicated website [here](#).

Twice weekly, asymptomatic staff testing The team running the asymptomatic staff testing programme have noticed an increase in registrations from colleagues in Moray – but you don't have to wait for rising case numbers to get involved. One in three people who have COVID-19 don't have symptoms. This means it's vital for as many of us as possible to participate. Once you've registered, you'll receive a kit box, with enough tests to do two a week, for 12 weeks. You also receive a full set of instructions. There's lots of information on the dedicated webpage [here](#). You may also wish to watch this [video](#) from National Clinical Director, Prof Jason Leitch, on the asymptomatic testing programme.

If you're already taking part – thank you! – and please keep recording your results, whether positive or negative. If you received your first kit between December and February, you should now be on second round testing. Testing should be carried out regardless of vaccination status, being on annual leave, sick leave (provided you do not have confirmed COVID-19) or working from home.

Baird & ANCHOR project The latest newsletter from the project team working on The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre has been issued and is available to read [here](#).

Exit questionnaires Did you know that NHS Grampian offers the opportunity for all members of staff transferring to another post within the organisation or leaving the organisation, to complete the Exit Questionnaire electronically?

The Exit Questionnaire has been designed to understand why people have chosen to transfer to another post or leave the organisation. The information submitted will be treated in confidence and stored within a secure database in line with the principles of Data Protection. Staff can access the Exit Questionnaire via the Datix recording system which must be accessed from an NHSG computer as it is intranet based. A guide on how to complete the questionnaire can be found [here](#) and the system accessed [here](#). Arrangements can be made by contacting the HR Hub on ext 52888 or by email gram.hr@nhs.scot to complete the Questionnaire on a computer out with an employee's own work area or if there is difficulty accessing a computer. In exceptional circumstances arrangements can be made to send a paper version of this form should that be more suitable. The process compliments but does not replace the good practice of managers having a face to face discussion with all employees leaving their service. Any feedback on either the Questionnaire or the process can be sent to gram.hr@nhs.scot. Please note the links provided are for Intranet and are only accessible on networked devices.

International Nurses Day If you have been anywhere near our social media accounts today, you won't have missed the fact that it is International Nurses Day. We want to say a big thank-you to all our nurses working across health & social care, in whatever role they are in. There has been so much happening across the organisation today, it would be impossible to list it all here. However, we did want to highlight the purchase of a beautiful arbour for the staff garden under development at ARI – a gift from nursing to all colleagues.



As a reminder, we are encouraging all teams to mark International Nurses Day (and International Day of the Midwife last week) by donating to their local foodbank. We hope your collections are going well! There are drop off points available in the Orange and Pink Zone cafes in ARI (during opening hours) if you are unable to arrange local collections.

We Care Wellbeing Pulse survey – survey closing soon! As part of the We Care programme, regular short surveys will be run to check in with you and see how you are doing. The first survey is now live and can be accessed via [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code below. The survey is anonymous, should take just a few minutes, and you don't need to be on a networked device to access it. Please share the survey link widely with your colleagues/teams, especially those not on email #GrampianWeCare. The survey will close for responses on **Monday 17 May**.



Thought for the day The Muslim holy month of Ramadan will come to an end at sunset, followed by the celebrations of Eid-Al-Fitr. To everyone working in health & social care across Grampian and marking the occasion, we say Eid Mubarak, and we wish you happy and safe celebrations!

Tune of the day A big thank you to Stuart Walker (Financial Accountant) for his suggestion of this lovely version of [Solsbury Hill by Peter Gabriel](#). As Stuart says: “As well as being a hill outside Bath in Somerset, it is also about reaching a crossroads and deciding where to go next.” I am sure this is something we can all empathise with.

Questions to ask? Information to share? If you have particular questions – or are aware of questions coming from friends and family – please share them with us. We may not be able to answer every question and it may take us time to get a proper answer, but we will endeavour to respond and share the answers. You can get in touch with us via gram.communications@nhs.scot. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.