

COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Thursday 30 September 2021.

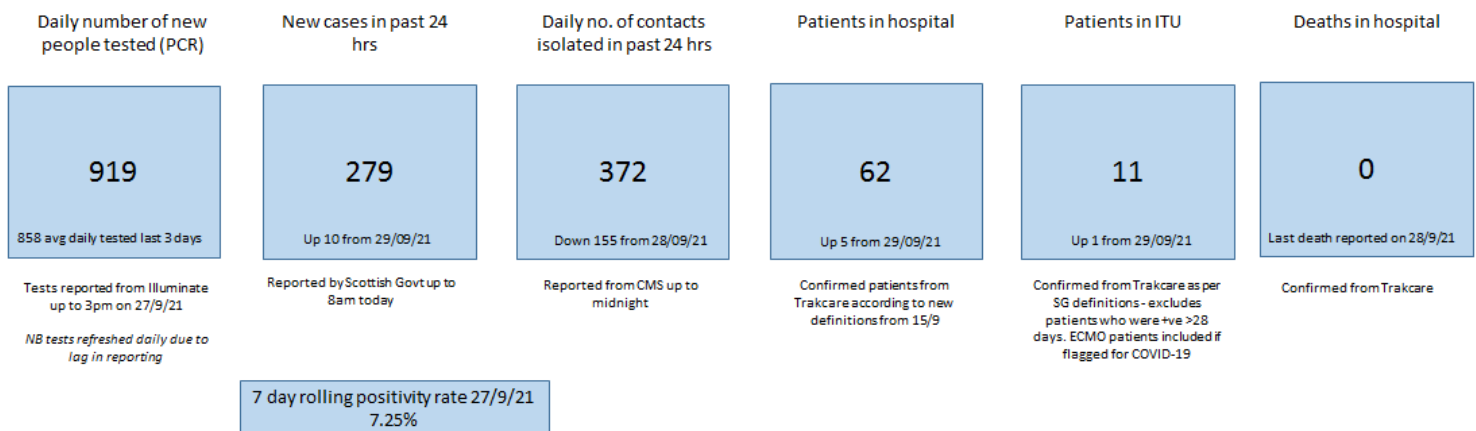
COVID-19 vaccination status certification At the time of writing, we are still awaiting information on downloading the app created to support this scheme. We hope to have more on this in tomorrow's brief.

Scottish Ambulance Service Patient Transport Service The Scottish Ambulance Service have provided information on the new Health Board priority number for booking patient transport, to come into effect from Monday 4 October. A guide to booking transport has been attached to the email used to send out this brief.

Autumn/Winter vaccinations – ARI clinic As previously highlighted the ARI staff vaccination clinic is located in the **Eye Outpatients Department (Level 3, Yellow Zone)**. Due to an error in the national booking system, Clinic C was also shown as an available location. **This has now been rectified – if you booked into Clinic C, your appointment has been rearranged.** [Please log into the national booking system to view your updated appointment.](#) Please do not attend Clinic C, vaccination is not taking place there. Please also be aware that staff running the clinic in Eye Outpatients will not have knowledge of/access to any Clinic C appointments. Thank you to you all for your patience and understanding, your willingness to come forward and be vaccinated, and to all the teams working in staff clinics.

Public 'flu immunisation programme As you may already be aware, childhood 'flu immunisations are already underway in primary and secondary schools. Pre-school immunisations are taking place in Aberdeen City and will shortly commence in Aberdeenshire and Moray. We expect the adult programme to formally launch next week. As part of the national vaccination transformation programme, GPs will no longer be responsible for administering 'flu jabs to the public, instead eligible citizens will be asked to attend one of the vaccination centres. Please remind your friends, family, neighbours, etc that they should not contact their GP about their 'flu jab, as they will not be able to assist them. More information about the public vaccination programme will be issued next week.

Grampian data The local update for today is shown below:

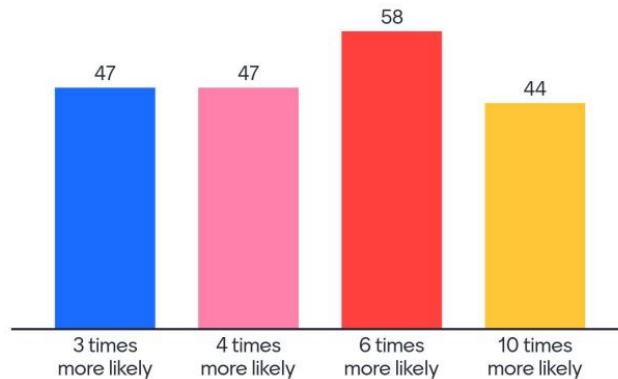


[The Public Health Scotland daily dashboard is available to view via this link.](#)

COVID-19 – how much do you know? Yesterday we asked how many times more likely COVID-19 infection occurs in unvaccinated people, compared to fully vaccinated. Your response was as follows:

How much more likely are unvaccinated people to get COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated people?

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This question illustrates how things continuously change as the pandemic develops. When this question was devised, it was taken from round 12 of the REACT-1 survey conducted on a continuous basis by Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI. By the time of today's brief round 13 has been published, and the results are slightly different. However in round figures, and on average, the answer remains that unvaccinated people are three times more likely to catch COVID-19 than fully vaccinated people. Lots of respondents thought that it was a lot more than three times as likely and it would be good if that were indeed the case, but this is the reality. The take home messages today are that the vaccines are very protective, will reduce the likelihood of serious illness should you still contract COVID-19, and everyone should get vaccinated. It is a fact however that NO vaccine is 100% effective, and so everyone should be continuing with all the usual precautions. The REACT-1 results can be read [here](#).

One of the big precautions we have all got used to is the use of face coverings in a range of public settings. The speed at which this was introduced as a compulsory measure varied globally. Some countries used them as a matter of course or cultural practice, even before the pandemic. With this in mind, today we're asking what difference in mortality you think there was at the early stage of COVID-19, comparing countries who routinely used face coverings in public – or made them compulsory early on – with those that didn't. [You can cast your vote here](#), we'll have the answers and more detail tomorrow.

Re-opening of Foresterhill Mosque for daily prayers & update on regulations of Friday prayer

After careful consideration and risk assessment with input from NHS Grampian IPCT it was agreed that the Mosque facility on Foresterhill site can open for daily prayers with effect from tomorrow (1 October).

Access is restricted to NHS staff and University of Aberdeen staff/students ONLY. Face masks should be used all the time within the facility except in ablution areas, where only one person is allowed at any given time. A 1 metre physical distancing rule is in place with marks indicated on the floor. There are places for men and women. Attendance register book will be at the entrance to record name, e-mail, and time in and out. People with any COVID-19 related symptoms should not attend the facility.

Following the 1m physical distancing, the capacity of the mosque has increased for Friday prayers, but attendance still requires prior Eventbrite booking and the booking link is sent every week to those who registered with the committee by e-mail. Those willing to attend the facility should first email gram.hospitalmosque@nhs.scot from their NHS or University of Aberdeen email account to obtain the access code of the door.

Bicycle Security Marking Event After the success of the Foresterhill session, another event has been organised for Tuesday 12 October, this time at Royal Cornhill Hospital. As before, Police Scotland will be present to log your bicycle on the national Bike Register database and place a tamper-proof sticker on your bicycle to that effect. They are also happy to discuss all aspects of bicycle, household, and personal security. [Recent media reports suggest bike theft has risen by 20% in Scotland](#), so this is a timely opportunity. This is an appointment only event; and these are available every quarter of an hour from 0900 to 1345. For more information or to book a place please email james.norman@nhs.scot

International Coffee Day - 1 October To mark International Coffee Day tomorrow, the teams in our retail catering outlets (all Aroma outlets, plus the cafes at ARI and DGH) will be handing out coffees free of charge during their opening hours. This is at the discretion of staff, please do not ask for freebies, but bear in mind being polite and friendly to the teams will always stand you in good stead!

Tune of the day Today's suggestion comes from Emma Blue and it is the simply glorious [A&E by Goldfrapp](#). Who knew a trip to an Emergency Department could inspire such a beautiful tune?

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