

# COVID-19 Brief

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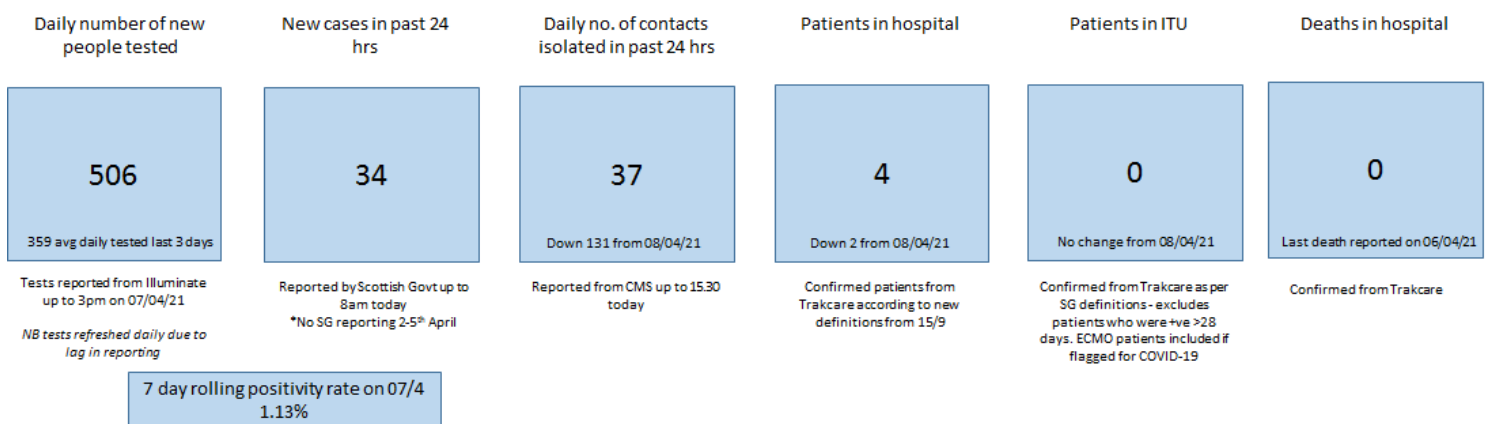


Here is the brief for Friday 9 April 2021.

Following the announcement of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, Professor Caroline Hiscox, Chief Executive, said:

"It is with great sorrow that we have learned of the death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. On behalf of all of our staff and patients, we'd like to extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Royal Family. At this time, in addition to sharing a profound sense of loss, many of us are also recalling with fondness the times we have welcomed His Royal Highness to our sites. We are honoured to have received such support from him and will treasure those memories with renewed warmth and affection as we join the nation in mourning over the days to come."

**Grampian data** Here are 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. If you want to see more detailed information, including cases at neighbourhood level, click [here](#) for the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard.



**World Hand Hygiene Day – 5 May - Let's get those gloves off!** The point of care delivery is the place our patients, our workforce and environmental surroundings come together, where we are enabling the provision of direct care and treatment. The overuse of gloves increases the risk of infection to patients at the point of care delivery, where the 5 moments of hand hygiene become most critical. Overuse of gloves can prevent hand decontamination opportunities being undertaken, is inappropriate, and gives false assurance to the wearer. The use of gloves for many tasks is unnecessary.

So, as a current healthcare worker, such as a domestic, a porter, or one of our direct care providers (nurse, medic, AHP) are you:

- Only ever using gloves when absolutely necessary?
- Undertaking hand hygiene at the right times?
- Have you started using more gloves than previously, or double gloving due to COVID-19?

Click on [this link](#), for a reminder of when gloves are required. If you require further advice or clarity, please discuss this with your supervisor, your line manager, the local hand hygiene auditor or the Infection Prevention & Control Nurse aligned to your workplace.

**NHS Grampian Equalities Network** We are pleased to invite all health and social care staff, and our partners who help provide these services, to the first meeting of a new staff equality network taking place on 21 April 2021, from 3-4pm on Microsoft Teams.

The network is open to anyone providing health and social care services in Grampian, regardless of job role, band or pay scale, and people will be asked to leave their ID badge at the (virtual) door when they join the meeting. The initial focus of the network will be on race equality, and we will re-promote the network and the next area of focus in June.

As part of the launch we are also promoting a new way for staff, students and partners to report any issues or concerns they have in regards to inequalities, or to report any situations of discrimination in a safe, confidential and fully supported way, which can be done by emailing [gram.confidentialcontact@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.confidentialcontact@nhs.scot)

The ethos around this group will be to encourage and support:

- Honest and constructive conversations between all participants,
- Mutual and reciprocal learning, respect and understanding of the issues faced by people,
- Identify and action positive change that will help to ensure that people have more good days at work,
- Encouraging positive relationships in the workplace,
- Policy initiatives vs human relationships,
- Support and encourage better staff resilience and wellbeing,
- Emphasis on invitation and welcome,
- Celebrating our diverse workforce and recognising that staff are our greatest asset.

While we will aim to work towards important goals that will meaningfully improve staff's experiences, we want the meetings to feel informal and hope this will help people to feel comfortable to contribute and share their views about the issues being discussed. At the first meeting we would like to explore what people's vision for the group might be, and work toward developing a shared purpose for the network, and to help this discussion it would be greatly appreciated if you are interested in attending or to just give your views to please answer some very quick questions using this link: <https://bit.ly/2R7Pwmn>

If you would like to register your interest to attend and to receive the MS Teams invite please email [gram.involve@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.involve@nhs.scot)

**HealthRoster system upgrade** As highlighted in previous briefs, HealthRoster 11 will go live next week. The link to access HealthRoster 11 will be shared with you by email in the latter half of the week. The link will also be available on the eRostering intranet page, and as a quick link in your intranet browser.

HealthRoster 11 is a user friendly, intuitive facelift to the system, but the actual functionality has not been changed. Many users will find that they are able to make a seamless transition to the upgraded system without referring to any training materials. However, we will have a set of support materials available on the eRostering intranet page. When you log in to HealthRoster 11 for the first time, there will also be a short in-system tour highlighting basic changes to the navigation. You will be able to view this tour as many times as you like. We strongly recommend that all users view the short videos available now on the dedicated [v11 intranet page](#) (networked devices only) prior to logging in to HealthRoster 11.

**PPE 3 week look ahead** Predicted stocks of all items are shown below, with no areas of concern to note.

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

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
April 5, 2021	126,664	253,231	8,786	3,151	23,298	1,201,371	1,888,544
April 12, 2021	126,373	311,847	8,759	3,629	23,108	1,201,371	1,888,544
April 19, 2021	126,083	370,463	8,731	4,107	22,917	1,201,371	1,888,544
April 26, 2021	125,792	429,079	8,704	4,584	22,726	1,201,371	1,888,544

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

**Orange Award** Once again we are keeping the winner under wraps, as they have yet to receive their prize. If you want to nominate a colleague or team for an Orange Award, just click [here](#) to complete the online form or email their details to [gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.nmahporangeawards@nhs.scot)

**Thought for the day** We've made it to the end of another working week. We hope you manage some time for rest and recuperation over the weekend. If you are on shift, as ever, take care and stay safe.

**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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot). Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.