

Here is the brief for Tuesday 9 February 2021.

COVID-19 vaccination - staff programme If you have an appointment for staff COVID-19 vaccination that you are no longer able to attend, please let the relevant clinic know. You can do this by replying to the email sent with your appointment details or – if you did not request email notification – by contacting the following address as appropriate:

- All staff based at **Foresterhill (including Roxburghe House), Royal Cornhill, Elmwood and Aberdeen City HSCP** should email: gram.citycovidvacc@nhs.scot
- All staff based on the **Woodend** site should email: gram.woodendstaffvaccinations@nhs.scot
- All other **Aberdeen City HSCP** should email: gram.citycovidvacc@nhs.scot
- All staff working in **Aberdeenshire HSCP** should email: gram.shirecovidvacc@nhs.scot
- All staff working in **Moray HSCP** should email: gram.moraycovidvacc@nhs.scot

Informing clinics you cannot attend supports your colleagues to run the vaccination programme smoothly, allows for the appointment to be offered to someone else, and minimises the risk of wastage.

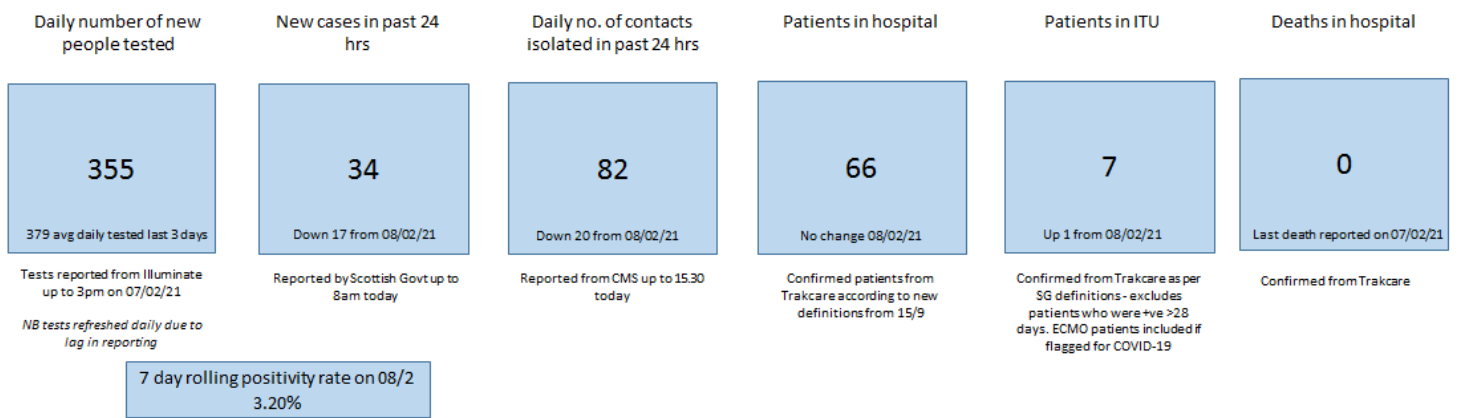
Eye protection – information for staff Eye Protection is any piece of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that protects the eyes in a variety of potential exposure settings where health care staff may be at risk of acquiring infectious diseases via ocular exposure.

PLEASE NOTE: REGULAR CORRECTIVE SPECTACLES AND SAFETY SPECTACLES ARE NOT CONSIDERED EYE PROTECTION. FOR ALL AEROSOL GENERATED PROCEDURES (AGP) VISORS MUST BE WORN

There are a number of products available but not all will offer adequate protection against all infections. These have recently been reviewed by IPCT colleagues. Staff should refer to the document attached to the email used to send out this brief for information on which products are recommended for use in the current circumstances. The document is also available [here](#) (Intranet link, networked devices only)

Face fit/Respiratory Protective Equipment FAQ The Corporate Health & Safety Team have recently developed a FAQ which contains fit testing/respiratory protective equipment related queries. The FAQ will be updated on a regular basis so please always ensure that you refer to the most up to date version which can be accessed by [clicking here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only) Please refer to this before contacting the team with a fit testing/respiratory protective equipment related query. If the answer to your query is not covered in the FAQ only then should you contact the team via: gram.healthandsafety@nhs.scot

Grampian data The local figures for today and the 7 day rolling positivity rate are shown below. If you click [here](#) you can visit the Public Health Scotland website, which includes neighbourhood figures for all local authority areas in Scotland.



Twice weekly asymptomatic staff testing As highlighted in previous briefs, we are now running this programme for all patient/client facing staff. If you are unsure whether you meet the criteria to participate in this programme, you can get more information [here](#). Dr Vhairi Bateman, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Medical Microbiology, has recorded [this video update](#) to explain more about the benefits of participating and to answer some key questions; we would encourage everyone to give this a watch.

Baird & ANCHOR Project Due to construction work on The Baird Family Hospital and The ANCHOR Centre, we are installing a zebra pedestrian crossing on Foresterhill Road. This work will happen in different phases commencing from Thursday 11th February 2021 and will likely last for two weeks. Throughout this time there will be alternative crossings in place, please click [here](#) for details. This work will not affect access to the Foresterhill Health Campus however we do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Virtual Visiting survey – action required How well is the Virtual Visiting iPad used in your area? Can you answer these 4 short questions to help us improve ways to keep people connected with those who matter to them while in hospital? Click [here](#) to take part; the survey will close on 1 March.

Free art workshop for staff There still places left to register for virtual art workshops to create an NHS tribute sculpture in support of CLAN Cancer Support's Light the North sculpture trail. This will be proudly displayed in honour of NHS Grampian staff in everything they do to keep Grampian community safe. The workshops have been funded by NHS Grampian Endowment Fund. The first workshops will take place this week and the final workshops will be held end of February and are FREE for all NHS staff wanting to take part. These workshops are aimed to provide therapeutic benefits and to help lift NHS staff spirits whilst capturing the hard work and dedication shown in caring for the Grampian community and the continuous fight against coronavirus. Ideas and artworks will be beautifully brought together using an art pack posted to your home and Zoom sessions led by the Roxburghe House art team. More importantly, the sessions will be fun and cosy working from home. The workshops are all about exploring the places – literal and figurative – that have given us joy, hope, and pause over the past ten months.

To sign up - no later than this Friday (12 February) – click [here](#).

Thought for the day – it's snow joke Maybe it's the wisdom that comes with age, or maybe it's just the experience of too many north-east Scotland winters, but for this writer the arrival of snow in recent days has been greeted with a long sigh, rather than whoops of delight. We all know how complicated the white stuff can make the simplest of tasks, never mind the running of health & social care services. To all teams, whether working in hospitals, out in the community, or in the vaccination clinics, you have kept the show on the road in recent days. That is no mean feat and for that we owe you an enormous debt of gratitude. Thank you.

This is not to take the sheen off for those of you who have been able to enjoy the conditions incidentally – have fun 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. Please also use that email address if you have items for consideration for future briefs.