

Here is the brief for Tuesday 18 January 2022.

**Staff testing – updated flowchart** The self-isolation exemption guidance for health and social care staff has been updated as of 17 January. The guidance removes the need for fully vaccinated staff who are identified as contacts to PCR test prior to returning to work. They should take an LFD test instead. If the LFD test is negative and provided they don't have a fever or other symptoms, staff can go back to work following a risk assessment by their line manager. They should also continue to take an LFD test every day for a 10-day period. All LFD tests should be recorded on the testing portal, and it is a requirement of the policy that managers ask for evidence of these results before staff attend work.

Staff that test positive should pause their workplace LFD testing for 28 days (from day 1 of symptom onset or positive test date). If they are also required to PCR test weekly, they should also pause this for a period of 90 days.

The flow chart, [available online here](#) and attached to the email used to send out this brief, has been updated to reflect this guidance.

**Reminder: the advice and flow chart around Lateral Flow Devices [LFDs], testing and isolation is for students and learners in NHSG as well as for all staff.**

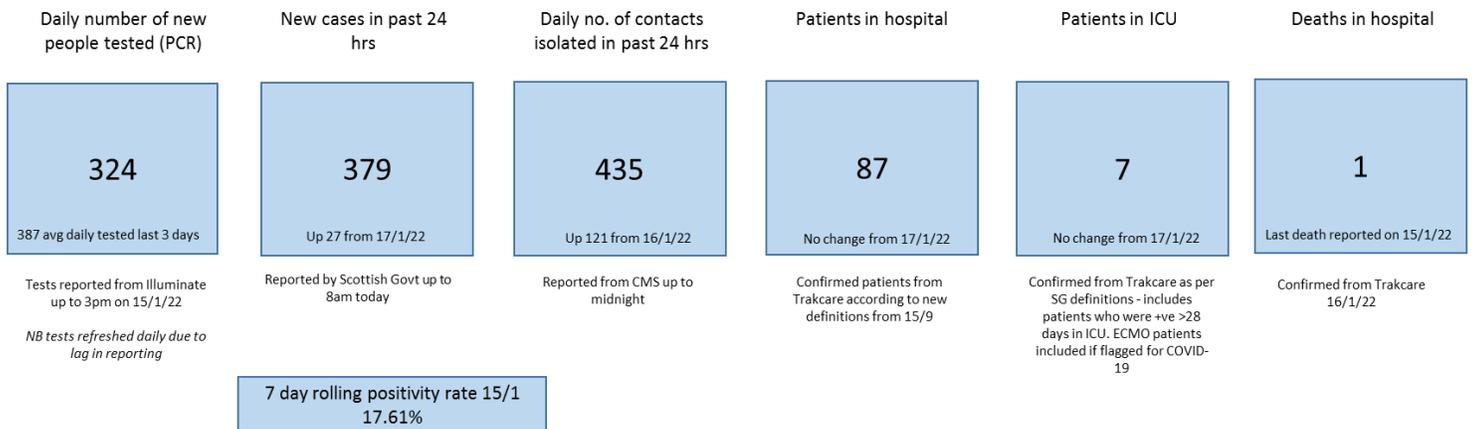
**Scottish Government update** From Monday 24 January a significant number of protective measures will come to an end. Large indoor events can resume, restrictions on hospitality will be removed, and guidance on how many households can safely meet will be dropped. We are all still encouraged to take Lateral Flow Device tests before meeting others. COVID Vaccine Certification (sometimes called vaccine passports) remains in place, but it has not been extended beyond the existing scheme. You can [read the full update on the Scottish Government website](#).

**Ask Caroline** There has been an awesome response to the Ask Caroline Chief Executive Staff Q&A that we published last week ([if you haven't had a chance to watch it, it's available to view here](#)) More than 2,000 staff have watched the session so far and we've had a lot of positive feedback which is great to hear and really encouraging. We've received several new questions so Caroline will film a follow up session next week. If you have a question you'd like Caroline to answer, there's still an opportunity to submit it. Please email [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot) (indicating if you'd like to remain anonymous) by Tuesday 25 January.

**Culture Matters Staff Survey - Share Your Views, Have Your Say** Today we are announcing the official launch of our Culture Matters Staff Survey. From 14-28 February 2022 NHS Grampian and the Health & Social Care Partnerships are conducting an online culture survey for 2 cohorts of staff (approx. 9000 people). This will contribute to our Culture Matters programme. Please see attached for further information plus keep your eyes peeled on the Daily Brief and NHS Grampian Social Media platforms for more exciting details and announcements in the coming weeks.

## Grampian data

The local update for today is shown below.



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

**Braun Infusion Devices** The Medical Equipment Management Service (MEMS) have asked us to inform staff in clinical areas about the key difference between two Braun infusion devices in regular use. The Orange fascia pumps have a Critical Care configuration and the Green fascia pumps have a General configuration (see photo).



The difference in these configurations would mean that delivery of medication could be different to what the nursing staff would expect e.g., end of infusion alarms, maximum delivery rate, and start up messages. Unfortunately, incorrect devices have been found in both critical and non-critical care services. If you work in a non-critical care environment and find an Orange fascia pump (or find a Green fascia pump in critical care services) please contact MEMS on ext 52400 – they will arrange collection and return to the appropriate area.

**Site work – Baird Family Hospital** Work to build a link bridge between The Baird Family Hospital and Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI) and the Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital (RACH) is due to start this month. Please find attached a communication that shows changes to the road layout and information about pedestrian routes. Please note that emergency drop off and access to the Foresterhill Health Campus will **not** be affected during this time. Please share as appropriate with colleagues.

**Thought for the day** Thanks to Sarah Simpson at RACH and Lisa Convery at Woodend, for giving us something a little different today. They both snapped photos of the beautiful sunrise this morning, with Sarah also suggesting the poem 'Leisure' by W.H. Davies:



What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs  
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

**Tune of the day** Inspired by the lovely sunrise photos above, we've plumped for [Morning Has Broken](#) by Yusuf/Cat Stevens; a little oasis of calm at the end (or start, depending on when you read the brief) of your day.

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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)