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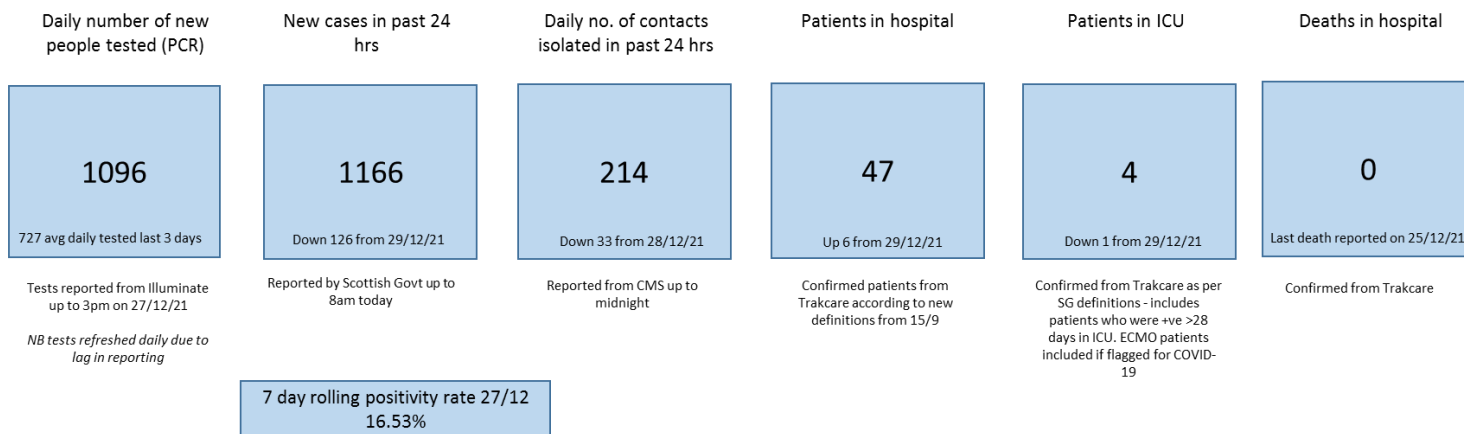
Staff Testing Due to unprecedented demand on this service, it is taking us slightly longer to call staff to book-in for tests. Please be assured that the team is working as quickly as possible to get through the forms. Due to the demand, they will be prioritised to deal with staff who are asymptomatic contacts first, followed by symptomatic household members, then symptomatic staff.

This is to help ensure that we can get critical staff back to work ASAP. Please don't email the team but wait for them to call you once you have submitted your form. Thanks for your patience.

Infection Prevention and Control Publications in relation to PPE use within health and care settings have been recently released by the World Health Organisation, Royal College of Nursing and Royal College of Midwives. The Infection Prevention and Control Team are aware of these documents and have reviewed them with our national colleagues

The National Infection Control Manual and newly published Winter Respiratory Guidance section are subject to real time reviews of all current scientific literature. This guidance continues to be fully endorsed for application within all Scottish Health and Care Setting's, including all relevant sections for PPE and the use of ffp3 respirators

Grampian data The local update for today. Repeat tests are included in both categories. The figure for the "daily number of new people tested" is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously.



A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

Tune of the day Margaret Wickham requested [Heather Small's Proud](#) at today's song. Margaret told us: "As one of the vaccination team, at the Fiona Elcock Vaccination Centre, in Elgin, since we started working on the vaccination program each day we feel proud to be part of NHSG's vaccination team." We're sure that's a sentiment shared by many of you across all teams! #ProudToBeNHSG

We're always on the look out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.