

Here is the brief for Monday 10 May 2021.

Moray update The latest figures put Moray at 93.9 cases per 100,000 of the population. Neighbouring Highland and Aberdeenshire are seeing just 7.63 and 8.42 respectively. There has been enormous interest in the accelerated vaccination programme in the area and thanks must go again to the team who have worked so hard to make this possible. There has also been a strong response to the community testing on offer:

- Asymptomatic people are encouraged to take regular 'lateral flow device' tests which give a result within half an hour. Positive results require immediate isolation. Negative results do not mean the person is not infected and standard precautions should still be followed. Test kits can be ordered for free postal delivery at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Testing is available without booking at the sites listed at www.moray.gov.uk/covid19.
- Those with 'classic' symptoms can book a PCR test via www.nhsinform.scot or by calling 0800 028 2816 if online access is unavailable. Testing can occur at a fixed or mobile testing site or via free postal kits. Those with symptoms must not attend asymptomatic testing sites.
- Those with 'extended' symptoms in Moray should book a test online using the "my health protection team has asked me to get a test" option or by calling NHS Grampian on 01224 558 494. While the individual experiencing the symptoms should self-isolate until the test result is returned there is no need for the rest of the individual's household to self-isolate.

Further details are available at <https://www.nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/covid-19-public-information/subpages/covid-19-community-testing/>. As ever, people working in health & social care in Moray should access the staff testing programme, available [here](#).

Easing of restrictions News bulletins this evening – and many of tomorrow's papers – will likely include announcements from the UK Government on the easing of restrictions. Once again, we want to remind you that these will apply in England only. We expect an update from the Scottish Government tomorrow and will have more in the brief, as news emerges.

Supporting COVID-19 vaccination As health & social care staff, we all have a role to play in encouraging uptake of the vaccine. The Aberdeen City HSCP team have developed a handbook to enable staff to support service-users and clients to access the Covid-19 vaccination. While some of the information is specific to Aberdeen City, it also includes useful information about the programme as a whole. We have attached the handbook to the email used to send out this brief and would encourage you to use it or adapt it as appropriate.

Grampian data 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 are interested in seeing what is happening in your area, this information is published daily by Public Health Scotland. All you need to do is click [here](#) and select the appropriate local authority area.

	Daily number of new people tested	New cases in past 24 hrs	Daily no. of contacts isolated in past 24 hrs	Patients in hospital	Patients in ITU	Deaths in hospital
Sat 8/05	553	19	140	11	3	0
Sun 09/05	447	23	69	11	2	0
Mon 10/05	436	20	153	11	2	0
	479 avg daily tested last 3 days	Down 3 from 09/05/21	Up 84 from 09/05/21	No change from 09/05/21	No change from 09/05/21	Last recorded death 23/04
	Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 08/05/21 <i>NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting</i>	Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today	Reported from CMS up to 15:30 today	Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9	Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - excludes patients who were +ve >28 days. ECMO patients included if flagged for COVID-19	Confirmed from Trakcare
	7 day rolling positivity rate on 08/5 1.15%					

Responding to a Missing Person The [Responding to a Missing Person policy](#) has just been approved for use throughout NHS Grampian. This document sets out how staff and their managers should respond to a person going missing from NHS Grampian premises and how to escalate the situation as required. Useful resources have also been developed by Police Scotland that can be displayed in ward areas and are available [here](#). These documents will be accessible the Public Protection Team's intranet page. If staff have any questions can contract the Public Protection team on gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot for further information or guidance. Please note links provided are for Intranet and are only accessible on networked devices.

International Day of the Midwife/International Nurses Day foodbank collection As previously highlighted in this brief, we are encouraging everyone working in health & social care to support their local foodbank to mark these two important events. Where possible, you should organise a collection locally and get this directly to your nearest foodbank. [The Trussell Trust](#) website lists foodbanks in Aberdeen City/Aberdeenshire. Teams in Moray should contact [Moray Food Plus](#). Please check with foodbanks which items they are most in need of first. Two collection points are available in the Orange Zone and Pink Zone cafes in ARI if required – please note donations can only be made during café opening hours.

PPE donning and doffing training This training is available every Tuesday at 11am, via MS Teams. You can book your space by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

We Care Wellbeing Pulse survey - how are you? As part of the We Care programme, regular short surveys will be run to check in with you and see how you are doing. The first survey is now live and can be accessed via [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code below. The survey is anonymous, should take just a few minutes, and you don't need to be on a networked device to access it. Please share the survey link widely with your colleagues/teams, especially those not on email #GrampianWeCare



Tune of the day Thanks to Carol-Anne Phimister (admin support assistant) for today's suggestion of [Manic Monday](#) by The Bangles. We sincerely hope your Monday hasn't been too manic, but if it has, please allow yourself 3 minutes and 11 seconds for this 80s classic (written by Prince, fact fans!).

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.