

# COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Monday 6 September 2021.

**Grampian data** The local update for today (and over the weekend) is shown below. A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

	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 04/09	1847	422	329	29	5	0
Sun 05/09	1401	436	281	30	7	1
Mon 06/09	1203 <small>1484 avg daily tested last 3 days</small>	504 <small>Up 68 from 05/09/21</small>	247 <small>Down 34 from 04/09/21</small>	32 <small>Up 2 from 05/9/21</small>	9 <small>Up 2 from 05/9/21</small>	0 <small>Last recorded death 05/09/21</small>
	<small>Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 04/9/21 NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting</small>	<small>Reported by Scottish Govt up to 8am today</small>	<small>Reported from CMS up to midnight</small>	<small>Confirmed patients from Trakcare according to new definitions from 15/9</small>	<small>Confirmed from Trakcare as per SG definitions - excludes patients who were +ve &gt;28 days. ECMO patients included &amp; flagged for COVID-19</small>	<small>Confirmed from Trakcare</small>
	<b>7 day rolling positivity rate on 04/9</b> 9.83%					

**COVID-19 vaccination for 12-15 year olds** As you will no doubt be aware by now, the JCVI have expanded the list of conditions which would make children aged 12-15 eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. However, they stopped short of recommending universal vaccination for this age group. In their announcement, the JCVI said consideration of wider societal impact, and the potential educational benefit, of vaccinating more widely in this age group was not within their remit. The matter is now under consideration by the four UK Chief Medical Officers.

**PPE donning & doffing training** The next round of training/refresher sessions for staff will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 7 September/Tuesday 21 September/Wednesday 29 September/Tuesday 5 October/Tuesday 19 October

All sessions start at 11am and are delivered via Teams. To book your place, please email [gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot)

**HR Q&As** COVID-19 Information for managers and staff on employment and other HR related queries can be found on the NHSG Covid Internet Pages at the following link:

<https://www.nhsgrampian.org/covid-19/information-for-nhs-grampian-staff/subpages/hr-gas/>

We would encourage staff and managers to refer to these as their first port of call and only contact the HR hub if they cannot find their answer included in them. The Q&As have been recently updated to reflect:

- DL (2021) 24 - Self Isolation for Health and Social Care Workers Exemption and Policy Framework.
- STAC (TCS04) 2021 - Adverse Reaction following COVID-19 vaccination Special Leave SSTS Code
- STAC – STAC(AL)Aug 2021 (statutory carry-over of AL for those with Long Covid)

**NHS Superannuation Scheme – Annual Benefits Statement** The Scottish Public Pensions Agency have advised that 2021 Annual Benefit Statements (2020 for General Medical Practitioners) for active members of the NHS Pension Schemes (Scotland) are available now on SPPA Online Member Services.

Your Annual Benefit Statement includes:

- Accrued pension benefits
- Current level of death benefits
- Lifetime Allowance (LTA) information

To qualify for 2021 Annual Benefit Statement:

- You must have paid pension contributions between 01/4/2020 and 31/03/2021
- You must have been an active contributing member of the scheme at 31/03/2021 and at the point the statement is calculated.

SPPA have a small quantity of Annual Benefit Statements still to produce for some active members, if your 2021 statement is not available when you log-on to the member portal, then please recheck again prior to 31 October before contacting the SPPA. If you have any queries regarding your statement, or if your statement is not available online, you should contact the SPPA at [sppacontactus@gov.scot](mailto:sppacontactus@gov.scot)

**HCPC registration** If you are due to renew your registration with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC) and are experiencing difficulties or delays in updating your contact details with them, we have been advised that [priorityreg@hcpc-uk.org](mailto:priorityreg@hcpc-uk.org) is promptly managed and responded to. Clinical scientists, prosthetists & orthotists, and speech & language therapists have until the end of September 2021 to renew their registration. Please only use the above email if you are in one of those professional groups.

It is the responsibility of each individual registrant to keep their registration up to date. A lapsed professional registration will impact on your ability to work and will most likely result in a disciplinary hearing in line with NHSScotland Workforce policies.

**iMatter staff survey** All staff should now have received their email invitation to participate in the iMatter staff survey. The survey window is open until 20 September, and we are all encouraged to participate. This should take 5-10 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Any queries about the survey during this time should be sent to [gram.imatter@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.imatter@nhs.scot)

**Service of Thanksgiving & Memorial for those who have died in NHS Grampian Hospitals** This annual event will take place, in person, this Sunday (12 September) at 3pm in Queens Cross Church. Numbers are limited and attendance in person should be booked in advance, by emailing [gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot) before noon on Friday 10th September. It will also be possible to watch the service online, [via the Queens Cross Church YouTube channel](#).

**Winter Indoor Tennis Coaching** Beginners, intermediate, and advanced level tennis coaching for NHS Grampian staff will begin at the Westburn Indoor Tennis Centre every Thursday evening from 16 September through to Thursday 16 December. The sessions will run 8.15pm-10pm. We are fortunate to once again to have the services of LTA Professional Tennis Coach Vikki Paterson. There is a charge of £2 per person per evening, no need to book – just come along!

**Tune of the day** With the sad news yesterday that Sarah Harding – one fifth of the UK’s biggest selling girl group – had died at the age of just 39, we had to share a bit of Girls Aloud today. They released so many amazing pop songs that it was difficult to choose, [but in the end we’ve gone for Love Machine](#).

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](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot) That’s also your first port of call if you’ve got any queries or an item to share.