

# COVID-19 Brief

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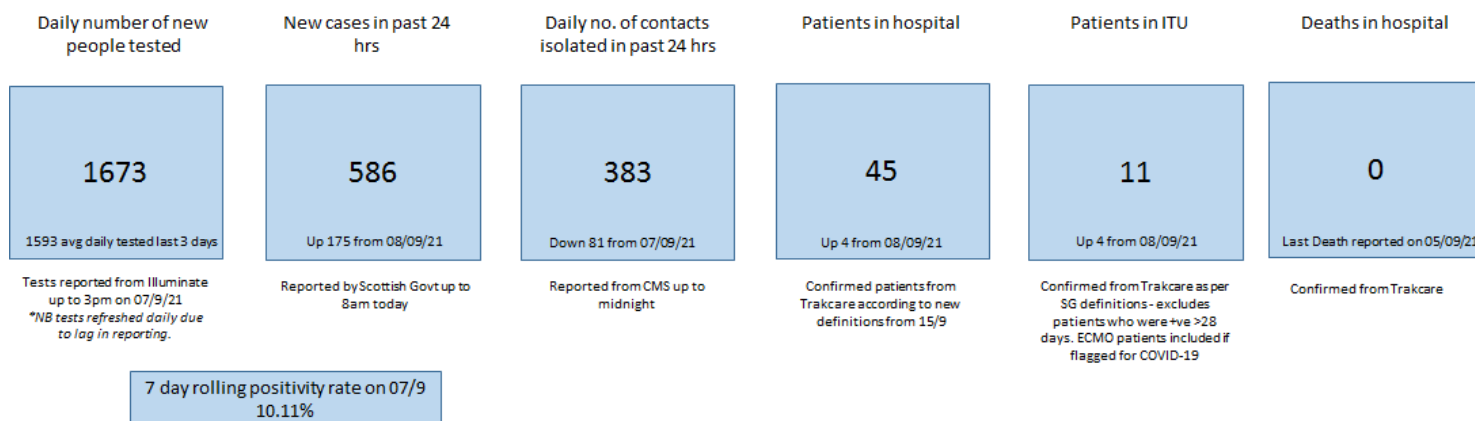
Here is the brief for Thursday 9 September 2021.

**Proof of vaccine certification** The Scottish Parliament is considering a proposal for proof of vaccine certification (sometimes called vaccine passports) to be made a condition of entry for nightclubs, adult entertainment, indoor events (unseated) with a crowd greater than 500, outdoor events (unseated) with a crowd greater than 4,000, and any event (indoor or outdoor) with a crowd greater than 10,000. This will be subject to a vote, with the result expected between 5.30-6pm this evening. We'll have more on this in tomorrow's brief.

**Self-isolation for health & social care staff who are household contacts** As you'll already be aware, it is now possible, following a negative PCR test and subject to certain conditions, for health & social care staff to return to work even if they are living in a household with a COVID-19 case. The question then arises as to how to behave when at home with a confirmed case. If you carry on as normal, you risk getting infected (perhaps after the negative PCR) and then taking the infection in to work, exposing vulnerable patients, residents or clients to risk. All of the rules about self-isolation within the household should be rigorously adhered to. If there is only one member of the household who is a case, then they should be isolating (that is, keeping quite apart from other household members) within the house. However, if there is more than one case in the household it may be that it is the asymptomatic staff member who needs to isolate from everyone else. This applies, where possible, to sleeping arrangements, use of toilet facilities, mealtimes, use of the kitchen etc. [Here is a link to a video explaining all the requirements for self-isolation.](#)

**Keeping your distance** Maintaining a safe workforce is a priority for NHS Grampian as we move towards winter, and - we hope - beyond the pandemic. We should all be aware the transmission risk for all respiratory infections (not just COVID), remains greater when less than 2 metres from others, without FRSMs in use. Since the majority of us only use FRSMs in work settings, this means the risk is increased when not at work - when car sharing, when socialising indoors, even when meeting people outside. To protect ourselves, our colleagues, our patients, and our communities, please continue to keep your distance from others, whenever you can, no matter what setting you are in or event you are attending.

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



**COVID recovery – consultation** The Scottish Government is consulting on proposals, which ask if certain temporary provisions, introduced in light of the pandemic, should be maintained beyond March 2022. [If you would like to view the full proposals – and contribute your views – you can do this via the Scottish Government website.](#) The consultation is open until 9 November.

**Optimising Patient Flow** A project team has been established to take forward the optimisation of patient flow across the health & care system, with a particular focus on the flow through the front door. This work will follow a 90-day improvement methodology and will require engagement with multiple stakeholder groups. An overview document, summarising the aim of the project, the team, the priorities, and the next steps, has been attached to the email used to send out this brief. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with a member of the core project team.

**Digital Ward Update** The Inpatient Electronic Record, a major component of becoming a Digital Ward, has recently been introduced in selected elective wards in Woodend Hospital and introduced for live testing in AMIA.

- What should I expect when a patient is transferred from a digital ward?

Patients moving from a digital ward to a non-digital ward will continue to receive the paper SBAR handover detailing the patient's current condition, planned care and any risks e.g. infection control risks, falls risk. A guide on how to access the digital record will also accompany the patient. Drug charts, observation charts, fluid charts, some risk assessments and other non-digital data will continue to be transferred along with the patient.

Until your ward has gone live, recommence the record on paper from the point the patient is transferred e.g. PCR booklet, continuation sheets, until you go live. **DO NOT** repeat any admissions. No duplication is required. You will need to know where to find what was written in AMIA.

- Simply hover over your patient in the floorplan and click on the IP Record icon
- A page will pop-up: click on the various tabs to find everything you need



Your ward will soon be going digital too and the roll out will come with a full package of on the ground support from the Training team and new hardware. You can find out more in the Digital Ward Update attached to the email used to send out this brief and at [Digital Ward intranet page](#)

**Managing Adverse Events in NHS Grampian** The updated Managing Adverse Events in NHS Grampian Policy and new e-Learning training modules are now available. You should undertake the training if you likely to be involved in Adverse Event Reviews. If you:

- are involved in Level 3 Adverse Events Reviews then you only need to complete Modules 1 and 3.
- If you are involved in Level 2 and 1 Adverse Event Reviews then you'll need to complete Modules 1, 2 and 3 (complete the most relevant Module 2 depending on if you are conducting clinical or non-clinical Adverse Event Reviews). Completing module 2 meets the requirements of Root Cause Analysis training stipulated in the Policy.
- If you don't know what level of adverse events you are involved in reviewing then complete Module 1 to find out more.

[More information and the policy and training modules can be accessed on the intranet](#) (networked devices only)

**Tune of the day** Sharon Falconer is responsible for today's suggestion – [Don't You \(Forget About Me\)](#) by Simple Minds. Whether you had (or still have) a weakness for Jim Kerr or just loved The Breakfast Club, there's no denying this is a classic.

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.