

# COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Wednesday 9 December 2020.

**COVID-19 vaccine – update** Peer vaccination will get underway at ARI tomorrow (10/12); wherever possible we would encourage clinical staff to get their immunisation via the peer scheme. Clinics will commence in Ward 302 (Orange zone, opposite the Rotunda foyer) on Monday (14/12) Also on Monday, details of the clinics at Royal Cornhill Hospital will be issued to all staff there, along with a link to the booking form.

**We know staff in other Aberdeen facilities, in Aberdeenshire, and in Moray are keen to understand how they can go about accessing the vaccine. As soon as these details are confirmed, they will be shared in this brief. We appreciate your desire to understand the local situation and we are grateful for your patience.**

The FAQ document on the staff vaccination page has been updated with revised information on vaccine contraindications related to allergies. Please click [here](#) to view the page.

**Vaccine programme – staff opportunity** If you have experience giving vaccinations then we need your help with the first phase of COVID Vaccinations which start with Staff Clinics from 14th December onwards. We know everyone is busy, so we want to make helping us as easy as possible - so you can help through extra hours/overtime or as bank. The NMAHP Bank is co-ordinating bookings for locations throughout Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray and on the Foresterhill Site. There is no commitment to doing this long term and you can do as little or as much as you like. The bank books these shifts to a separate roster and therefore your shift isn't charged to your department.

Email [gram.covid19immsstaffing@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.covid19immsstaffing@nhs.scot) or call 01224 553344 now to help protect the public from the health and socioeconomic impact of the pandemic and boost your January pay. If you are doing this out with your normal role you will also be paid for all additional training requirements.

**Grampian figures** Local data for today is shown below. If you are interested in the situation elsewhere in Scotland, click [here](#) to see all the data published by Public Health Scotland.

Daily number of new people tested	New cases in past 24 hrs	Daily no. of contacts isolated in past 24 hrs	Patients in hospital today	Patients in ITU today	Deaths in hospital
677 <small>544 avg daily tested last 3 days</small>	97 <small>Up 54 from 08/12/20</small>	295 <small>Up 90 from 08/12/20</small>	60 <small>Down 5 from 08/12/20</small>	5 <small>Up 1 from 08/12/20</small>	3 <small>Last death recorded 06/12/20</small>
Tests reported from Illuminate up to 3pm on 07/12/20	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 08/12/20
NB tests refreshed daily due to lag in reporting					

**PPE – not for recycling** When disposing of PPE, please ensure it does not end up in Mixed Recycling bins. Firstly, these items cannot be recycled in any way. Secondly, the presence of these items in mixed recycling bags means none of the contents can be recycled, therefore increasing the waste we are sending to landfill or incineration unnecessarily. Finally, our mixed recycling bags are opened by waste contractors to separate the contents for onward reprocessing and their staff should not be asked to deal with used PPE.

**Don't let the fraudsters win!** These are challenging and difficult times for us all. Many give freely of their time and in other ways to care for those in need but unfortunately, we know from recent experience that criminals will target any vulnerability for their own financial gain. We continue to see significant numbers of scams, frauds and blatant thefts targeted at public sector organisations such as NHS Grampian and our staff, providing essential services during this pandemic. We have also seen an increase in incidents targeting members of the public in general. If you suspect fraud, theft or corrupt activity of any sort then please report this immediately using the NHS Counter Fraud(CFS) Fraud Hotline on - 08000 15 16 28 or directly to NHS Grampian's Fraud Liaison Officer, Garry Kidd, by email [garry.kidd@nhs.net](mailto:garry.kidd@nhs.net) or telephone 01224 556211 (internal ext 56211). Our policy covering the prevention, detection and investigation of suspected fraud, theft and corruption can be found [here](#) (intranet link, networked devices only)

**16 days of action** This campaign – shining a spotlight on gender-based violence – will conclude tomorrow. Following the item in last week's brief, some of you got in touch to share additional resources which may be helpful, as follows:

- **Safe Lives/ Aberdeen pilot** SafeLives is a UK-wide charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse, for everyone and for good. They are supporting local services in Scotland to maximise their impact in terms of accessibility, practice, multi-agency working and survivor experience, as well as establishing evidence-based tools and guidance. Aberdeen has been chosen as one of the project sites. With the support of the Violence Against Women Partnership, Safelives will be focussing on the needs of **young adult survivors of domestic abuse (aged 16-25 years)**, identifying any barriers to service access they experience and developing a practical response. The staff survey is for **any professional working in Aberdeen city with individuals who may have experienced domestic abuse**. You do not have to work for a specialist domestic abuse or young people's service to complete it. There are specific questions in the survey about support for younger victims/survivors, if anyone specifically works with young people aged 16-25 please complete this section. You can skip any questions that aren't relevant to you. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.
- **Support in Moray** If you are working in Moray, support and advice is available via [Moray Rape Crisis](#) and [Moray Women's Aid](#). You can also contact the latter on 01343 548565 (office) or 01343 548549 (helpline)

**Scottish Health Awards – 7pm tonight!** This year's Scottish Health Awards have gone virtual and we are all invited! We are delighted to say our own Siobhain Leith is a finalist in the Midwife category. The very best of luck to her and all finalists; you can watch the event online at <https://www.scottishhealthawards.com/>

**Operation Rainbow commemorative coins** The response to the offer of a commemorative coin, marking NHS staff participation in Operation Rainbow earlier this year, has been amazing. If they are not yet available in your area, please be patient. Information is being shared through the line management structure. Please direct any enquiries about this to [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot), marking your email Operation Rainbow Coins, and we will get back to you as quickly as we can.

**Thought for the day – complacency is the enemy of progress** We touched on this theme yesterday, but it's something which bears revisiting. At work, at home, in the shops, in a café, on the street; we cannot afford to relax. Take a look at the numbers above. We see cases in care homes, in our hospitals, in our communities. This virus will take every opportunity it is given to spread, so we have to do everything we can to stop it. Thrilled as we all are to see vaccination get underway yesterday – and to scale up with the start of peer vaccination tomorrow – it is going to take time for that to make a real difference. Until then we must keep at it. This is hard – another hard thing in a year not exactly short on challenges – but surely the reward is worth it. Ca' canny ab'dy.

**Items for the brief?** If you have something you would like to be considered for inclusion in this brief, please send this to [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot). Messages should be clearly marked as 'Daily brief – for consideration'. Please be aware that space is limited, and items are prioritised based on subject matter and relevance to all staff groups.