

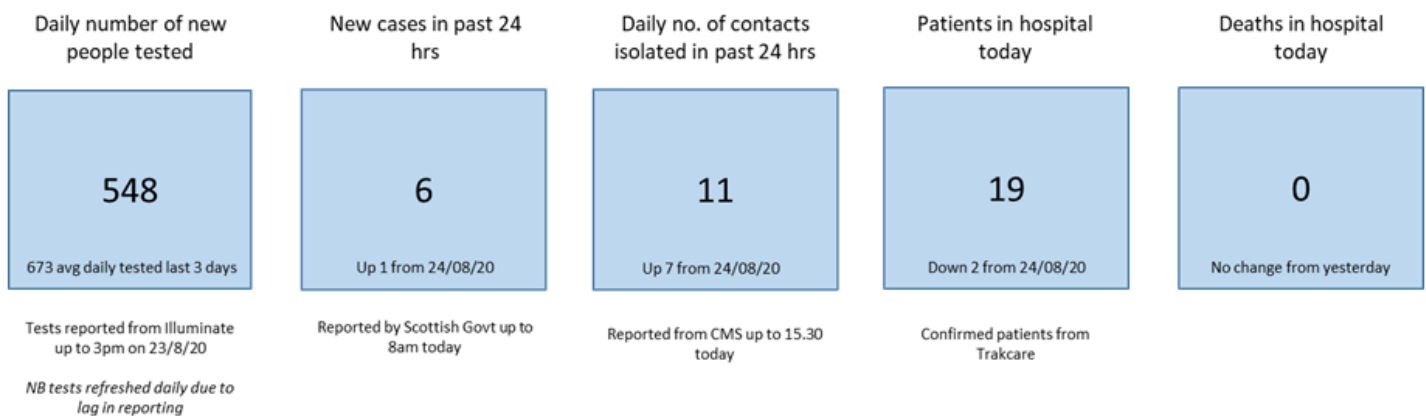
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Tuesday 25 August 2020. Please ensure that you share this brief with colleagues and staff who do not have access to email, especially if they are self-isolating, otherwise working from home or do not have ready access to a PC. Briefs are shared on our dedicated website covid19.nhsgrampian.org which is updated continuously.

Grampian update The most up-to-date Grampian data about COVID-19 new cases, contacts and care in Grampian hospitals is shown below. The national data is now being provided by Public Health Scotland. You can view that [here](#).



Support for those affected by the Stonehaven Train derailment A new page has been created to help anyone who may need some psychological support following the recent train derailment near Stonehaven. The page has been developed by the Psychology service and offers advice and links for self-care as well as a route to access direct support: <https://www.trainerailmentstonehaven.scot.nhs.uk> There is also an online book of condolence, supported by all partner agencies involved in the response, which you can sign [here](#).

Aberdeen cluster update The number of detected cases of COVID-19, associated with the Aberdeen city cluster, is now 261. The number of close contacts identified is now 1262.

O365 – Email Migration – Go Live Date Everyone who is migrating in this phase should have received an email direct to their nhs.net email account (subject: O365 – Email Migration – Go Live Date) informing them of their Office 365 account logons, new email address and reminding them to activate their Office 365 account ahead of the email migration. Any staff member who has not received this email should log a call via the [service desk portal](#) to obtain their copy (please note this is an intranet link and will not work on non-networked devices).

All managers are asked to ensure their staff are:

- aware of the forthcoming email migration,
- have received their O365 account logon/new email address, and
- have activated their O365 account ahead of migration

With the exception of staff members who joined NHS Grampian since June 2020, Pharmacy, Optometry and Dental primary care contractor groups, the switch over to the new email will be at 6pm on Tuesday 1 September 2020. (Staff members who have recently joined will migrate later in September. Contractor groups will migrate in October).

Email migration and use of Near Me (Attend Anywhere) In light of the upcoming mail migration discussions are ongoing with Attend Anywhere (the system developers of Near Me). In the meantime you should continue to use your @nhs.net email address to access Near Me/Attend Anywhere even if your email has migrated. It is likely that you will be prompted to change your email address when accessing the platform in the coming weeks. Updated information will be posted on the Near Me intranet pages when available. If you do not use an @nhs.net email address to access the system, you will be unaffected by the change.

Face coverings in school settings The use of face coverings in school is set to be extended. From next Monday (31 August), all adults and pupils in secondary school settings should wear a face covering in communal areas and corridors. All children aged 5 and over should wear a face covering while travelling on dedicated school transport. You can read the updated guidance in full [here](#).

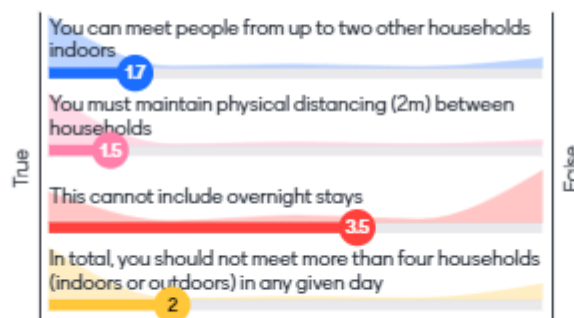
Healthcare waste segregation update The collection and treatment of NHS Grampian healthcare waste will be moving to the new contractor from 7 September 2020. This will require changes to the way we segregate our healthcare wastes across Grampian. These changes are necessary to comply with national procedures, and staff should aim to be complying with these changes before the end of September 2020. You can see the full summary [here](#) (this is an intranet link and will not work on non-networked devices)

Thought for the day Many of you have taken the opportunity to get in touch with us and say how much you appreciate the thought for the day. That means a great deal to those of us who put the brief together, not just because it means people are paying attention to what we write, but also because it means what we write is meaningful for you. It does bring a certain amount of pressure too; I write a lot of these thoughts and I want to keep hitting the right note for you all. Today I have not felt as inspired as I often do. Actually though, that's ok. We all have days like that. We can't always scale the highest heights; sometimes just getting through a day in one piece is enough. I'll try again tomorrow – and if you're feeling the same way, I hope you try again as well. (Emma Pettis, Senior Communications Officer)

Question of the day Yesterday we tested your knowledge of the rules covering indoor gatherings. As of 16.00 today, the results are as follows:

With restrictions eased in Aberdeen, it is now possible for households in Grampian to meet indoors. How well do you know the rules?

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Without further ado, here are the correct answers (all taken from Scottish Government guidance, available to read [here](#))

Q1 – True

Q2 – True

Q3 – False. Sleepovers are permitted, providing physical distancing is observed.

Q4 – True

Physical distancing is key when meeting other households. If you are inviting people into your home, think about the space you have. Can you safely accommodate them, while you all keep 2 metres apart?

Today we're looking at the rules covering the use of face coverings. Please note, this applies to non-clinical settings i.e. when we're going about our daily lives outside work. Please continue to follow the appropriate local guidance on use of PPE in your area. To answer the question, click [here](#) or copy this link into your browser: <https://www.menti.com/m1pm3wxyru>

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