

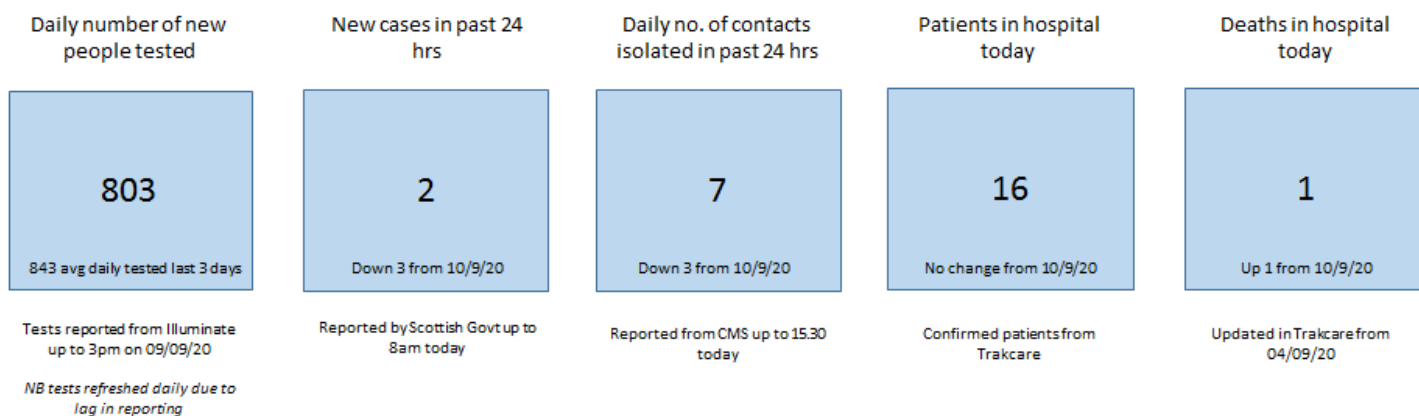
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Friday 11 September 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. National data is provided by Public Health Scotland. You can view that [here](#).



Protect Scotland app and use of PPE We know some of you have queries about the new Protect Scotland app and how it should be used if your job requires use of PPE. We are sharing the following guidance from the [Protect Scotland](#) website; we would encourage you to take a look at the [FAQ](#) if you have further queries:

There are very few circumstances where it is advised to turn the app off. Whilst proximity measurements to identify potential contacts cannot take account whether the encounter is face to face, or whether there are face coverings or screens in place etc., they are a good measure of the distance and time spent near a confirmed case which would put you at risk if no other mitigations are in place. All app users should therefore keep their phone on and with them whenever possible, with the app active on their phone at all times except in the following small number of circumstances:

- If the user is a health or social care worker in a clinical setting, wearing medical grade PPE. This includes ambulance personnel*
- If the user is protected by a fixed physical barrier from customers and colleagues such as a Perspex screen for the majority of the working day. This doesn't apply for those who constantly move around (e.g. café workers behind tills with a screen who also move around the café)*
- If the user keeps their phone in a locker or equivalent facility at work and not on their person*

In these circumstances, ideally individuals should turn off their phone as that means the app will automatically continue to work when the phone is turned back on again. However, it is recognised that that is not always possible so alternatively users can choose to disable Bluetooth. It is also possible for users to turn off the Exposure Notification Setting on their mobile phone. This will turn off the 'contact tracing' functionality until the Exposure Notification Setting is switched back on. The user will need to remember to turn their Exposure Notification Settings and/or Bluetooth back on. Where a user has been

notified by the app and believe it to have been in one of the above scenarios please discuss with the NHS 24 helpline (0800 028 2816).

Remobilisation of services - Community Teams All this week we have been featuring re-mobilisation stories and updates, but what about those teams and colleagues for whom the work never stopped in the first place? Many of our community-based nurses, health visitors, AHPs, pharmacists, GPs and midwives (as well as a host of others!) have all continued to deliver their services to individuals in our communities throughout the pandemic. For many teams the work has actually increased and they have had to adapt how they care for, and support people whilst making sure that some of the most vulnerable people in our communities continue to receive the services they need. So, a heartfelt thank you to all our community health teams and our social care colleagues too!

Electronic Employee Support System (eEES) This is a national workforce system that has been rolled out in all NHS Scotland Boards and will be implemented in NHS Grampian with GO LIVE in late February 2021. eESS will replace our current national workforce system -Scottish Workforce Information Standard System (SWISS) - used within the Workforce Directorate. It will interface with many of our current workforce systems e.g. ePayroll, SSTS and eventually JobTrain, to enable a single employee record that provides high quality, standardised information. More information will be coming out directly to managers, so keep an eye on your inbox for this.

V7 Jobtrain Go-Live Since the go-live of V7 of Jobtrain we have experience a number of issues which has affected the performance and speed of the system amongst other identified technical issues affecting users. An overnight deployment of fixes has now been completed and all users should press CTRL and F5 after logging in to hard-refresh your browser session. Jobtrain will continue to work to resolve any further issues identified.

PPE three week look ahead Stocks continue to be healthy, with no immediate areas of concern in the coming weeks.

PPE Summary - Predicted Equipment Remaining at the end of each week

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
August 31, 2020	186,445	415,927	8,458	2,945	56,050	238,615	1,369,214
September 7, 20..	213,772	628,569	5,173	3,599	41,098	238,615	1,369,214
September 14, 2..	213,521	622,949	4,927	3,339	40,902	238,615	1,369,214
September 21, 2..	213,269	617,330	4,682	3,080	40,705	238,615	1,369,214
September 28, 2..	213,017	611,710	4,437	2,821	40,508	238,615	1,369,214

■ Stock < 0 ■ Stock <= 2 Days ■ Stock <= 5 Days ■ Stock > 5 Days

Travel quarantine Further changes have been made to the travel quarantine exemption list. From 4am tomorrow (Saturday 12 September) people arriving in Scotland from Sweden will no longer have to quarantine for 14 days. However, arrivals from Hungary and La Réunion will be required to self-isolate. The full list of quarantine exempt countries can be viewed [here](#); please bear in mind this list is subject to change at short notice and this should be taken in consideration when booking overseas travel.

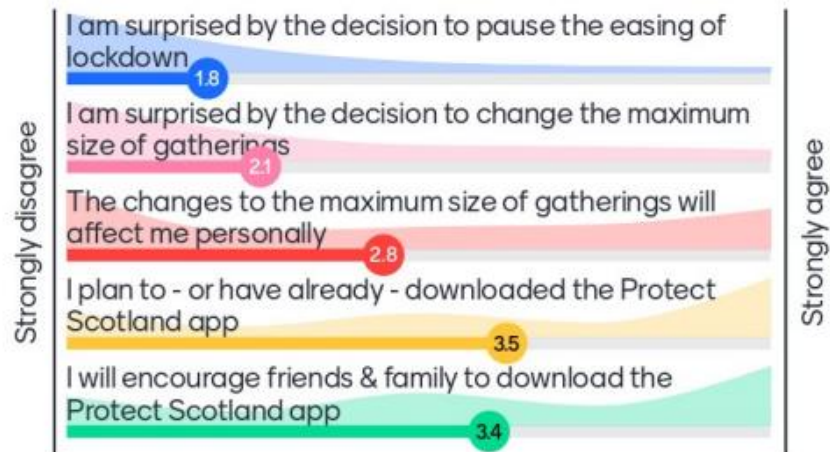
Thought for the day – Tempis Fugit We are now well into September. The air is a little crisper, the nights draw in a little faster. It simultaneously feels like 2020 is flying by but is also the longest year we have known. Plans have been made, unmade, remade, and unmade all over again. The pandemic has forced us to accept uncertainty as a daily part of our lives. It has denied us the opportunity to celebrate special occasions and special people. We will not get those moments back and it is natural to feel grief as result. And yet. There may have been other moments. Moments of laughter, enjoyment, and unexpected new beginnings. Do not lose sight of the good things that have happened, are happening, this year.

We hope you have a peaceful and restful weekend. If you are working, have a safe shift.

Question of the day Yesterday we were gauging your reaction to the latest Scottish Government announcements. As of 15:30 today, the results are as follows:

Following the Scottish Government announcements today, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

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It seems the government's decisions yesterday did not take many of you by surprise. The responses also suggest the personal impact the restrictions will have on you is varied. We'll be asking more questions about the Protect Scotland app next week.

Comments? Suggestions? If you have feedback about this brief or questions about the content please do not hesitate to get in touch via gram-uhb.staffquestions@nhs.net