

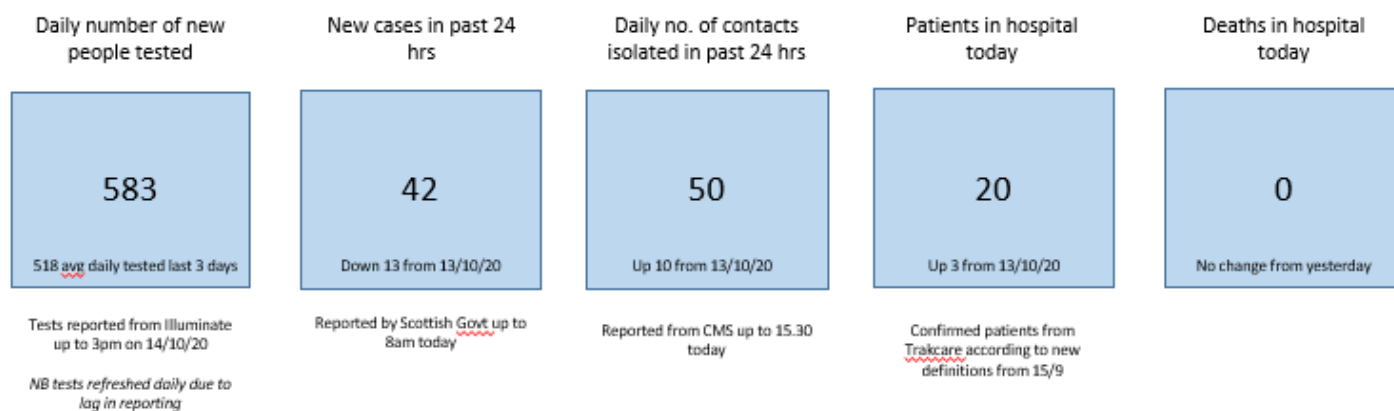
COVID-19 Brief

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Here is the brief for Wednesday 14 October 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](#).



'Flu immunisation campaign Healthcare staff – and social care workers who provide direct care – are eligible for a free 'flu vaccination. NHS Grampian staff can book their appointments [here](#); social care staff can get more information [here](#).

Meanwhile, as some of you will be aware, the local telephone helpline and e-mail address set up to support the public vaccination campaign has experienced a surge in enquiries that staff are struggling to cope with at present. This is due, in part, to the late arrival of appointment letters which we are working closely with Royal Mail to resolve. We are developing a solution to address the call/e-mail backlog at pace and will be making arrangements to ensure all those who are eligible for the free 'flu jab and may have missed appointments will have the opportunity to receive them.

PPE training – CORRECTION The PPE donning and doffing training takes place on Tuesdays and **Thursdays** at 11am – our apologies for the error in yesterday's item and any confusion caused. You can book your place by emailing gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot

Allied Health Professions Day – message from Prof Susan Carr, Director of Allied Health Professions "Today Allied Healthcare Professionals (AHPs) have been joined by AHPs from across the world, as part of an international social movement to celebrate the extraordinary work of the very diverse AHP workforce. This year there are four themes: Celebrating; Appreciating; Inspiring and Connecting. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire Grampian Allied Health Professional workforce. It is a privilege to work with such a great team of AHP staff!"

18 – 24 October 2020 - International Infection Prevention Week The Infection Prevention and Control Team aim to highlight that, despite COVID-19 there are still other organisms available, and not to forget them despite the global pandemic. On their [Intranet page](#) there will be a chance to meet some of the

Team, who have taken time to write a little bit about themselves and why they find Infection Prevention and Control a rewarding place to work. There will be also be information and a word search for children and one for adults – please feel free to print off and have a go for fun. The children at RACH will also be receiving some pictures to colour. In addition, Wave Radio at Dr Gray's and the Grampian Hospital Radio team in Aberdeen have agreed to put out a recorded message from the Team over the airwaves and the Internet throughout the week. Thanks to them for their assistance. #IPCthisweekeveryweek

Thought for the day We're halfway through the working week so, how are you? Has this been a good week or a difficult one? Do you feel productive or like you're wading through treacle? For most of us (certainly me) it's a little of column A and a little of column B. Sadly, there's no magic wand we can wave; what we can do is remind all of you that this is hard. It is difficult and demanding and there is nothing wrong with feeling drained, angry, or upset. We've said it here many times before – and it is no less true because of that – be kind to yourself and those around you. One day (one day!) we will get to look back on this experience, rather than live through it.

Question of the day COVID-19 restrictions and guidance seem to be ever-changing. Today we are interested to know how informed you are on the current guidance on the use of face coverings in healthcare settings (as shared in yesterday's brief).

If any of the questions aren't applicable to you please skip that question, i.e. if you only work in clinical areas they you don't need to answer about knowing what the guidance is in non-clinical areas, but if you would access both clinical and non- clinical areas then please answer both. You can answer the question [here](#) or by copying this link into your browser <https://www.menti.com/qyfarz66d5>

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