

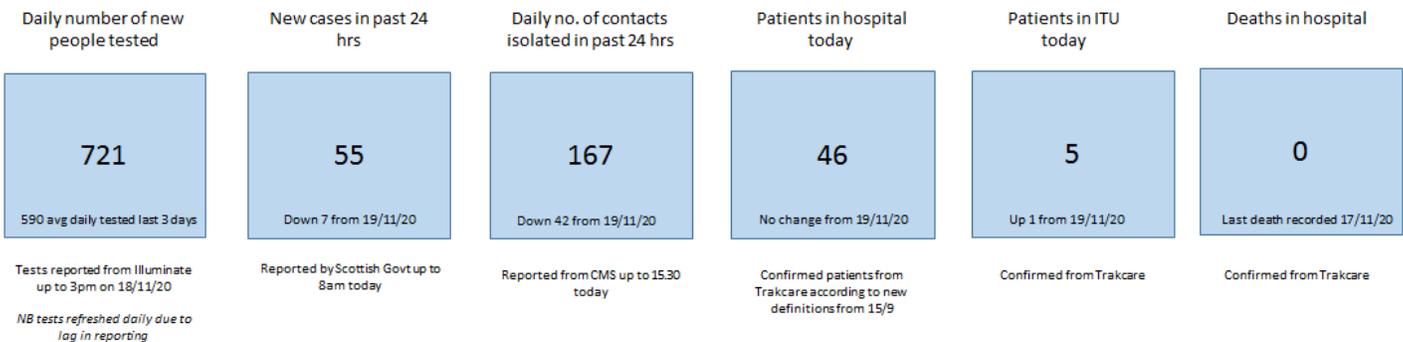
COVID-19 Brief

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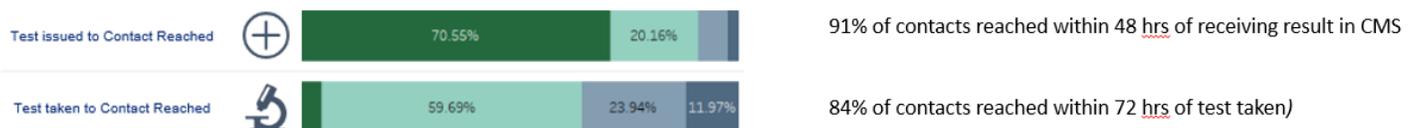
Here is the brief for Friday 20 November 2020. Please ensure that you share this brief with colleagues and staff who do not have access to email, especially if they are self-isolating, otherwise working from home or do not have ready access to a PC. Briefs are shared on our dedicated website covid19.nhsgrampian.org which is updated continuously.

Grampian update The most up-to-date data about COVID-19 new cases, contacts and care in Grampian hospitals is shown below. Remember, all the national data collected by Public Health Scotland is available [here](#). Using that link you can see what is happening at board, local authority, and neighbourhood level anywhere in Scotland.



Symptoms? Don't save them for Monday! We all know we need to have a low threshold for booking a COVID-19 test – but did you know you can arrange testing 7 days a week? If you wake up tomorrow morning with any concerning symptoms (and we hope you don't!) get in touch with the testing team without delay. Testing is available on a 'drive-thru' basis in Aberdeen, Elgin and Huntly. If getting to any of those locations presents you with serious challenges, you should still complete the [test request form](#), as the team will get in touch to discuss other options. Don't chance it – check it!

Contact tracing performance The process of contact tracing is seldom far from the headlines. Some of you will have seen coverage today of the challenges faced by the Track & Trace programme – it's really important to remember that this (and indeed, much of the coverage in national media) focuses on the programme operating in England. Our local performance around Test & Protect (the Scottish programme) has been consistently strong and this is thanks to the enormous efforts of the team, led by Dr Derek Cox and Fiona Browning. Here are some of the recent results to give you an idea of how the team is performing:



PPE three week look ahead All stocks remain at healthy levels:

And finally... We have a few 'thank-yous' to say. Firstly, thank you to everyone who has got in touch to share their thoughts on items in the brief this week. We're so grateful to you for taking the time – it means a lot to us. Also, a huge thank you to James Anderson, who has been the man behind our stats articles this week. These are tricky concepts to explain but James did it with wit and flair. We hope they have helped you gain a greater understanding of the world we find ourselves in right now.

Have a great weekend – and if you're working, have a safe shift.

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. 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.