

# COVID-19 Brief

coronavirus



Here is the brief for Wednesday 16 February 2022.

**Covid-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds** The Scottish Government announced today it had received advice from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) which recommends COVID-19 vaccination for all children aged 5 to 11-years-old.

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon said: “I can confirm that Ministers have considered this draft advice and are content to accept its recommendations. Throughout the pandemic it has been our intention that we follow the clinical and scientific evidence available to us and I’d like to once again thank the JCVI for their hard work in scrutinising the science and providing clear guidance.

“Discussions with Health Boards on the best way of delivering vaccinations to 5 to 11-year-olds have already begun. These will continue and we will provide further information when this approach is finalised. In the meantime, parents and carers of children aged between 5 and 11 need not do anything.

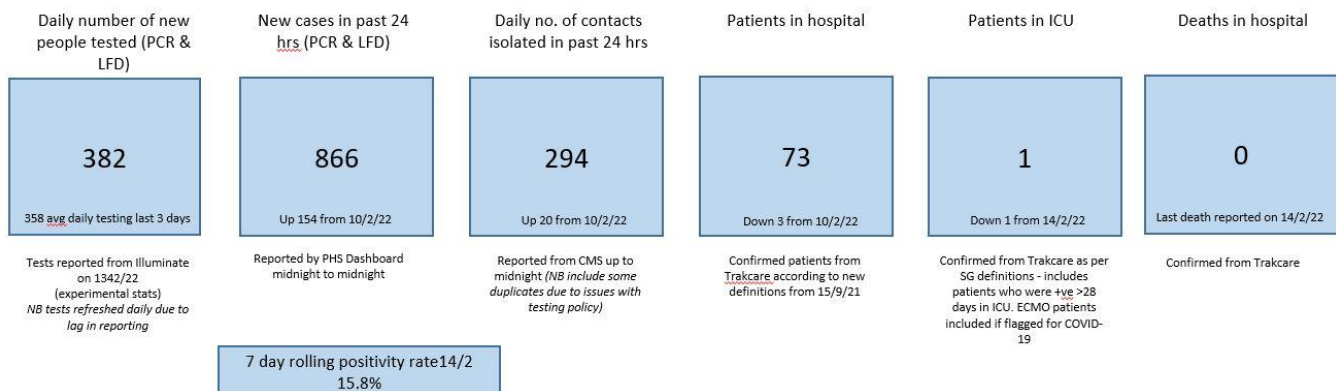
“This draft advice does not affect children in the 5 to 11-year-old age group who have specific medical conditions which place them at greater risk from COVID-19. This group is already being vaccinated.”

Our vaccination team is now planning how it will operationalise the advice. More information will follow.

**Weather warnings** The Met Office has issued various yellow and amber weather warnings for wind and snow over the next few days. According to the forecast, most of Grampian falls out with the area these cover, but some places in southern Aberdeenshire do – including Stonehaven and Laurencekirk.

Despite the fact the region is currently forecast to miss the worst of the coming storms, with the main impacts across the central belt, there will be wintry and windy weather across all of Scotland and disruptions across public transport including cancellations to rail and ferry services. So please take care while travelling and plan ahead.

**Grampian data** The local report is shown below. A complete national report, including the option to view cases at a neighbourhood level, [is available via the Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).



**Optimising Patient Flow** A reminder that as part of the ongoing efforts to improve patient flow through ARI, the 90 Day Improvement Collaborative team are organising an exciting whole system test of change. This test of change will now commence on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 08:00 for 16 hours. Want to know more? Open Q&A sessions are being held tomorrow (Thursday) at 09:30 in the ED Training Room as well as a virtual session at 15:00. All are welcome. Please see the poster attached for further information on this exciting test of change. For a meeting invite to the virtual session tomorrow please contact [portia.brown@nhs.scot](mailto:portia.brown@nhs.scot) and/or [rebecca.scott14@nhs.scot](mailto:rebecca.scott14@nhs.scot).

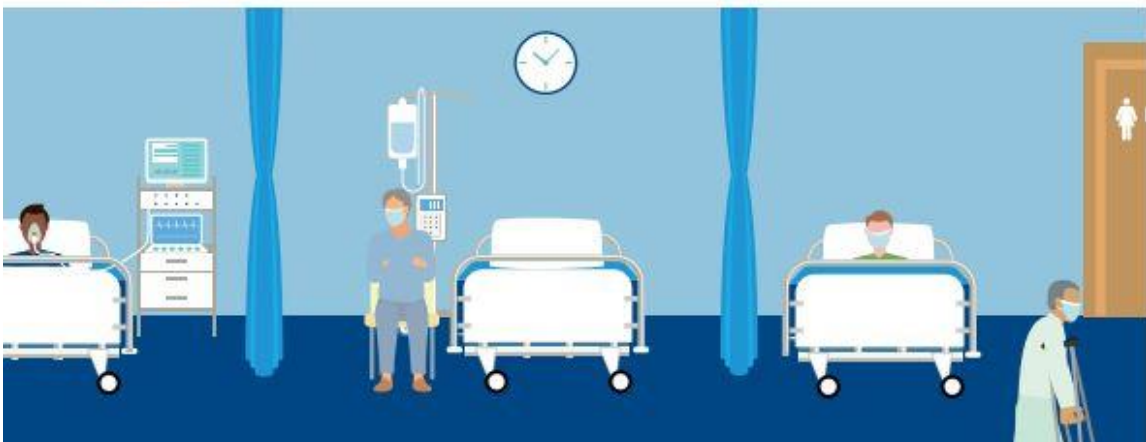
**PPE Reminder II** Yesterday we focused on staff mask wearing, today we look at the importance and information around patient's doing the same.

## Wearing a Face Mask – Information for Patients



### Important points

- A surgical face mask should be worn by all patients within the hospital, including moving between departments.
  - Wearing a face mask protects you and others around you.
  - Clean your hands with alcohol gel before and after using a face mask.
  - Once in place do not touch the face mask, even when communicating.
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- Make sure the face mask covers your nose, mouth and chin.
  - You do not need to wear a face mask if you are receiving oxygen therapy or are unable to tolerate wearing one.
  - You should wear a face mask as much as possible, including when in bed.
  - If you are in a single room you should wear a mask whenever anyone enters your room.
  - You can remove your face mask when showering, eating/drinking or sleeping as long as you stay 2 metres away from anyone else.
  - Make sure you stay a 2 metre physical distance from others where possible.



**Tune of the day** Today we turn to David Evans, from the quality improvement team at Cornhill Hospital. His request is for a cover of a song, most will know the original by Genesis. Here's [Land of Confusion](#) by Disturbed.

If you want to request a song for tune of the day, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)