

Here is the brief for Tuesday January 11 2021.

First Minister announcement First Minister Nicola Sturgeon updated the Scottish Parliament on the latest Covid-19 situation earlier today.

She stated that Omicron was causing very high levels of infection in Scotland and across UK. She added that, while there were early indications in the data that could cause encouragement, the current situation is serious and that the virus remains a “significant threat to public health”.

Ms Sturgeon said cases could be at, or close to, the peak of the Omicron wave, but that due to a delay between people being infected and needing hospital treatment the next few weeks would be very challenging for the NHS. She added that the number of people nationally requiring treatment in intensive care had increased more rapidly in last week.

She noted that the NHS was under very severe pressure and that slowing down transmission remained a vital imperative, adding that people were “reasonable and right to be hopeful” but that in the “period immediately ahead it is prudent to remain cautious”.

The vaccine programme continues to go exceptionally well, she stated, with Scotland the most vaccinated part of UK and she urged those not fully vaccinated to come forward, reminding them they were putting themselves and others at unnecessary risk.

Ms Sturgeon said the Scottish Government was working on a framework for “living with Covid” with the hope that the virus would become endemic but added this was not a position that could be wished into being.

- From next week the Scottish Government will start to lift measures, introduced before Christmas, in a phased way – including removing the limits on crowds at outdoor events from Monday. Restrictions on indoor events will remain until at least January 24.
- Ms Sturgeon announced the strengthening of the Covid passport scheme – with event organisers required to check the certificates of 50% of attendees or at least 1,000 people.
- From Monday the definition of “fully vaccinated” will mean having had a booster if the second dose was more than four months ago
- She reminded people that face coverings and working from home, where possible, were vital and would remain in place.
- The Scottish Government continues to advise us to limit contact with other households and, where we do gather, it should be a maximum of three households.

Covid staff testing reminder Staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 should start LFD testing on day six of their infection. If tests on day six and day seven are negative they may end their isolation and return to work. The tests must be a minimum of 24hrs apart and they must not have a temperature. After day 10 only one negative LFD is required before returning to work. If you continue to test positive you must stay off work.

Staff who have tested positive for Covid-19 and returned to work from day seven onwards or are fully vaccinated and identified as a contact **should not work** with individuals on the [highest clinical risk list](#) for the remainder of the 10 day period.

Upcoming TrakCare Improvements To support future features and improvements we are pleased to announce changes to the **Order Comms New Request** screen on January 18 2022.

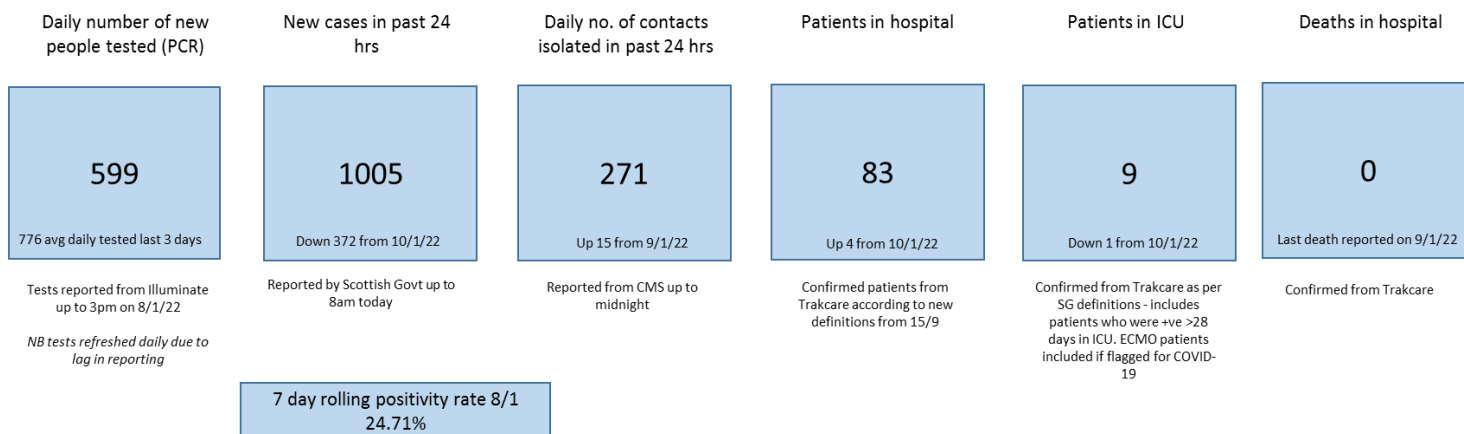
The New Request screen has been reformatted with a new look while retaining the same functionality.

The eLearning module on Turas has also been redesigned to include the updates and can be accessed [here](#)

The updated user guide can be accessed [here](#) and the New Request screen can be found on Page 3

Should you require any further guidance, we would be happy to hear from you at the [EPR Training Support Channel](#) anytime between 8am and 4pm Monday – Friday for quick response from one of the eHealth Applications Training and Facilitation Team.

Grampian data Here is the local Grampian data update for today.



A national update is available on the [Public Health Scotland daily dashboard](#).

A Smarter Working Programme Update Since March 2020 NHS Grampian has, in-line with Scottish Government guidance, taken a clear position that those of us who can work from home do so. As of 14 December 2021 Scottish Government have reinstated the legal obligation on employers to allow home-working where possible and so, as per previous communications, we wish to re-affirm that all staff who can work from home should do so until 31 March 2022. Our position will be reviewed as and when further information becomes available to us, with a further update to be issued in due course.

As always, we wish to remind staff that working from home should not be to the detriment of your wellbeing. If you find this is the case for you, please contact with your Line Manager in the first instance to what adjustments to your working arrangements can be made to support you.

Donning and Doffing Training The next sessions will take place on the following dates

- Tuesday 25/01/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 02/02/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Tuesday 8/2/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 9/02/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 16/02/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Tuesday 22/02/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 23/02/2022. 11:00 - 12:00
- Wednesday 02/03/2022. 11:00 - 12:00

As usual, email gram.ipc-donn-doff-training@nhs.scot to arrange a session.

Launch of the Alzheimer Scotland Dementia Consultants National Learning and Sharing Network

The network is for Dementia Champions, Dementia Specialist Improvement Leads and Dementia Ambassadors. Its inaugural session is being held on Wednesday 26 January 2022, via Microsoft Teams, 2.30-3.30pm

Join the session and hear from Henry Simmons, chief executive of Alzheimer Scotland, and Margaret Brown, depute director at Alzheimer Scotland Centre for Policy and Practice.

To register [click here](#)

For further information please contact Lyn Pirie by emailing lyn.pirie@grampian.nhs.scot

MS Teams Tips & Tricks A new five minute video of tips and Tricks for MS Teams can be viewed here: [NHSG Teams Tips & Tricks Video.mp4](#)

An interactive guide is also available here: [NHSG Five MS Teams Tips & Tricks v2.pdf](#)

Tune of the day Time for a jolly cheer-up tune. Today we turn to Leith's most famous twins, The Proclaimers, and [I'm On My Way](#).

We're always on the look out for your suggestions of a great song to end the day (or start it, depending on when you read this brief) so just drop us a line via gram.communications@nhs.scot That's also your first port of call if you've got any queries or an item to share.