

# COVID-19 Brief

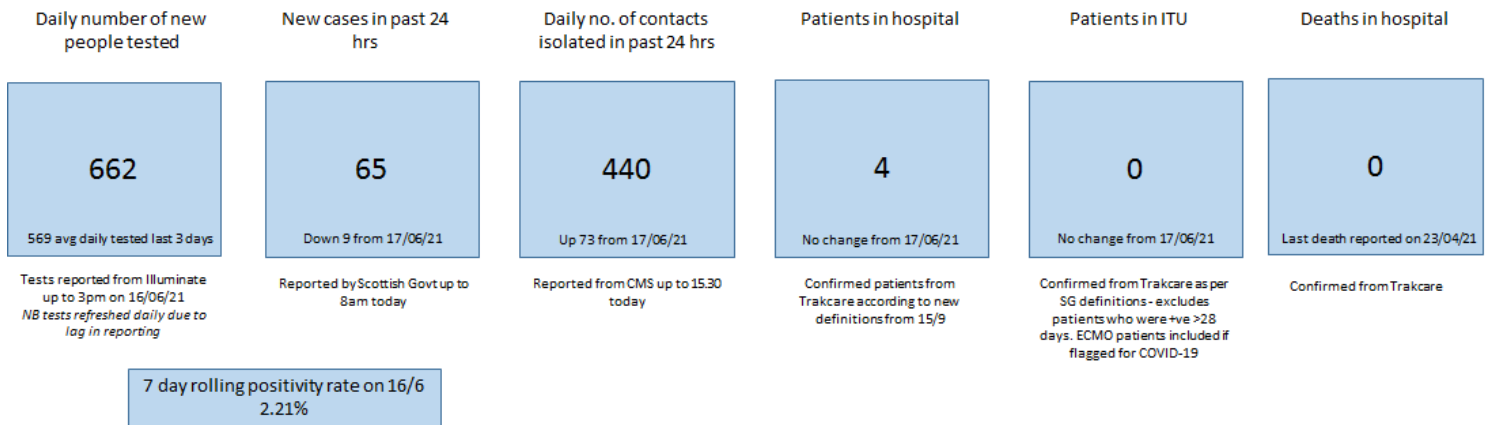
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Here is the brief for Thursday 17 June 2021.

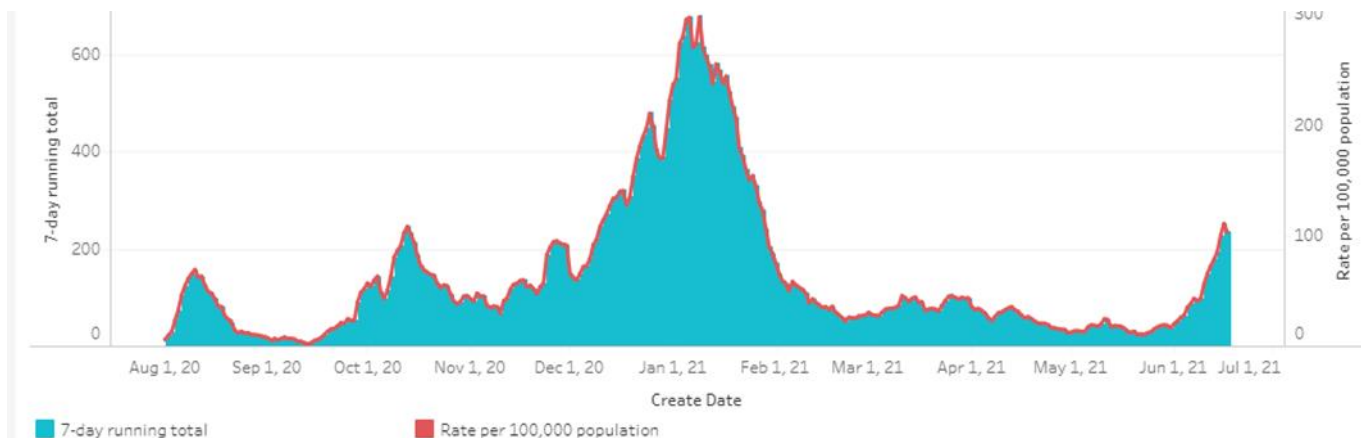
**Grampian data** Here is the daily local update, including the 7-day rolling positivity rate. As a reminder, this rate is arrived at by dividing the number of positive tests in the past 7 days by the number of tests carried out in the past 7 days. Repeat tests are included in both categories.

The figure for the “daily number of new people tested” is only for the number of tests for people who have not been tested previously.



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

**Wave 3 is here** Grampian is now experiencing a steadily increasing high number of new Covid-19 cases. The increased transmissibility of the Delta variant is making this a rapidly changing situation but the main focus currently (although not exclusively) is Aberdeen City (see chart). We have introduced enhanced testing measures in hotspots Tillydrone and Froghall and are stepping up efforts with these communities to get tested, get vaccinated, protect your community.



Since the reduction of the restrictions imposed through lockdown, the number of contacts associated with each case has markedly risen and this is putting the contact tracing team under considerable

pressure. Since Thursday evening we have had to resort to only sending a text message to these contacts rather than telephoning them. If this situation is to be brought under control people need to get vaccinated when called to attend and should test with an LFD test twice weekly if they have no symptoms or arrange a PCR test if they develop symptoms. How to arrange a test can be found [here](#).

Whilst things can accelerate quickly, we can also bring them under control. Every little thing we do to reduce risk of transmission helps the situation as the vaccination programme rolls out.

**Vaccinations clinics for 18+** Aberdeen FC’s Anna Blanchard has encouraged younger people to come forward for their vaccinations. After receiving her jab at P&J Live today, the goalkeeper, who turned 20 yesterday, said: “It will protect me, my family, my friends and the whole community.” Watch the shot-stopper’s message in full by [clicking here](#)

A drop-in clinic for those aged 18+ and who live in Aberdeen City, and have not received their first does, will run at the venue until 6pm tonight and between 2-6pm tomorrow. You only need to bring yourself and a face covering, we will take care of the rest. Staff at the venue will manage the queues to keep everyone safe and socially distanced, please note if the clinics are particularly busy you may be asked to come back at another time. Car Parking is free, and P&J Live is served by a regular bus service from the city centre.

**Kincorth Mobile Testing Unit** A MTU is being deployed in the area to encourage people to get tested for COVID-19 on the south side of the city.

The unit will be based at Kincorth Library from Sunday June 20 to Friday June 25 and again from Sunday June 27 to Friday July 2. The unit will be open between 10am- 5pm.

Shantini Paranjothy, Consultant in Public Health with NHS Grampian, said: “The number of cases in the city continues to rise which is why it is important we all take action now to do everything we can to nip it in the bud.

“We all know that if everyone plays their part it can make a huge difference in containing the virus and help protect our friends, family and loved ones.”

You can book an appointment at the unit for a test, whether you have symptoms or not. If you do not have symptoms please tick “I was asked by the health protection team in my area to get a test”.

Bookings can be made by visiting the NHS Inform website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

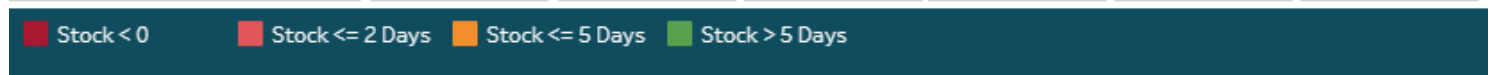
**ARI Discharge Lounge Saturday Opening** As a trial, the discharge lounge will be open from 10am-6pm on Saturday. Staff are encouraged to make use of the facility for patients who are leaving the hospital. The lounge can be contacted on 55780.

**Chapel Closure** The main chapel, in ARI’s Pink Zone, will be closed on Monday. The Chapel in RACH, on level one, remains open.

**PPE 3 week look ahead:**

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

	FFP3 Mask	type IIR mask	Covid Gowns	Theatre Gowns	Visors + Goggles	Aprons	Gloves
June 14, 2021	273,153	246,644	13,565	5,201	31,249	1,007,783	2,002,356
June 21, 2021	275,310	248,715	13,630	5,600	31,378	1,007,783	2,002,356
June 28, 2021	277,468	250,785	13,695	5,998	31,507	1,007,783	2,002,356
July 5, 2021	279,625	252,856	13,760	6,397	31,637	1,007,783	2,002,356



**Tune of the day** It's Friday – in normal times I'd normally be packing up the van with my mates to drive off to some venue in an exotic location in Grampian to play a gig... inevitably at 1am someone, who has become somewhat intoxicated in a largely vain effort to enjoy our musical abilities will be shouting "[Freebird](#)" from the bar... to date we have never fulfilled that request. However, with the power of Tune of the Day, I can, for once, play [Freebird](#)... sort of... Let the third Friday in June hereby be known as [Freebird](#) Friday. Kick back and enjoy one of Lynyrd Skynyrd's finest and have a great weekend folks, we'll see you all on Monday.

**Get in touch!** If you've got a question, an item to share with people working in health & social care, or just want to suggest a tune of the day, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot).