
**Welcome to the Community Resilience
Virtual Briefing
23 April 2021**

Topics to cover

- Virtual briefing to complement the weekly email briefing
- Covid update
- Community Testing
- Vaccination timeline update
- Return to school
- Community Asset Transfer
- Key contacts and ideas for future briefings please

Covid update

- Covid positive tests are slowly declining/levelling
- Infection rate has decreased now to 15.3/100,000 – slight increase from last week when rate was 11.0/100,000. (Scotland=27.8/100,000 - last week 34.9/100,000)
- Test positivity 0.8% (0.6%)
- Majority of cases within Inverness
- Very important to still stick to:



**FACE
COVERINGS**



**AVOID
CROWDS**



**CLEAN
HANDS**



**TWO
METRES**



**SELF-
ISOLATE**

Trend data - Highland

Trend data by NHS Board | Local Authority

What information would you like to see?

Positive cases

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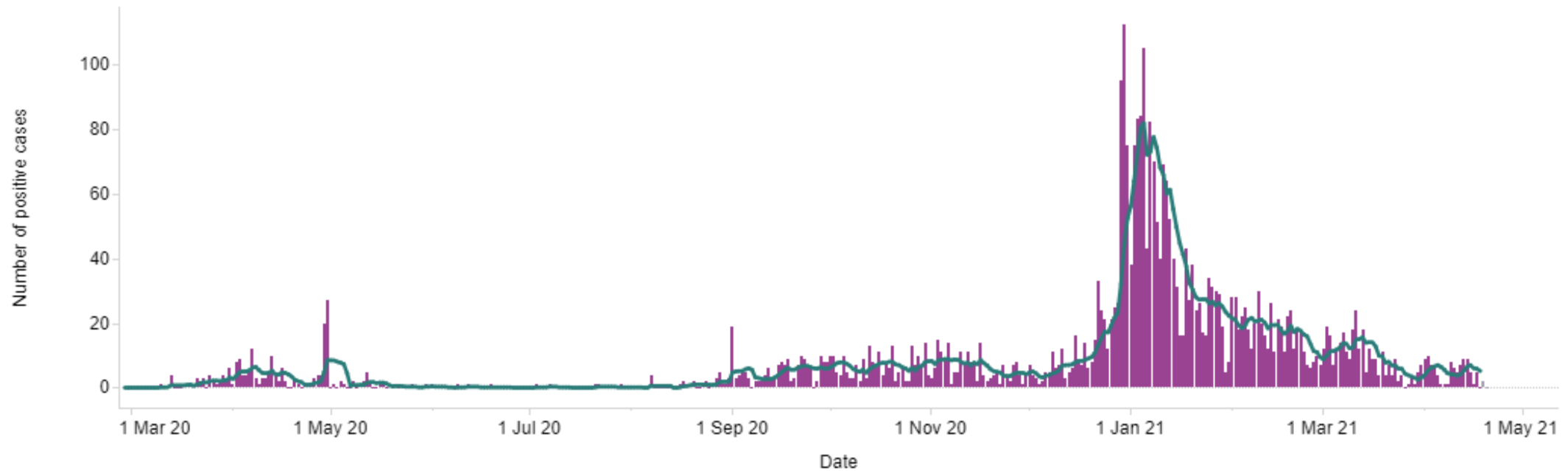
Highland

Daily figure

7 day moving average

Most recent data incomplete

Positive cases by specimen date in Highland



Data position – 22/04/2021. 7 day test positive rate: 15.3/100,000 of Highland population

Cases by neighbourhood

7 day positive cases in Highland based on people tested between 12 April 2021 and 18 April 2021

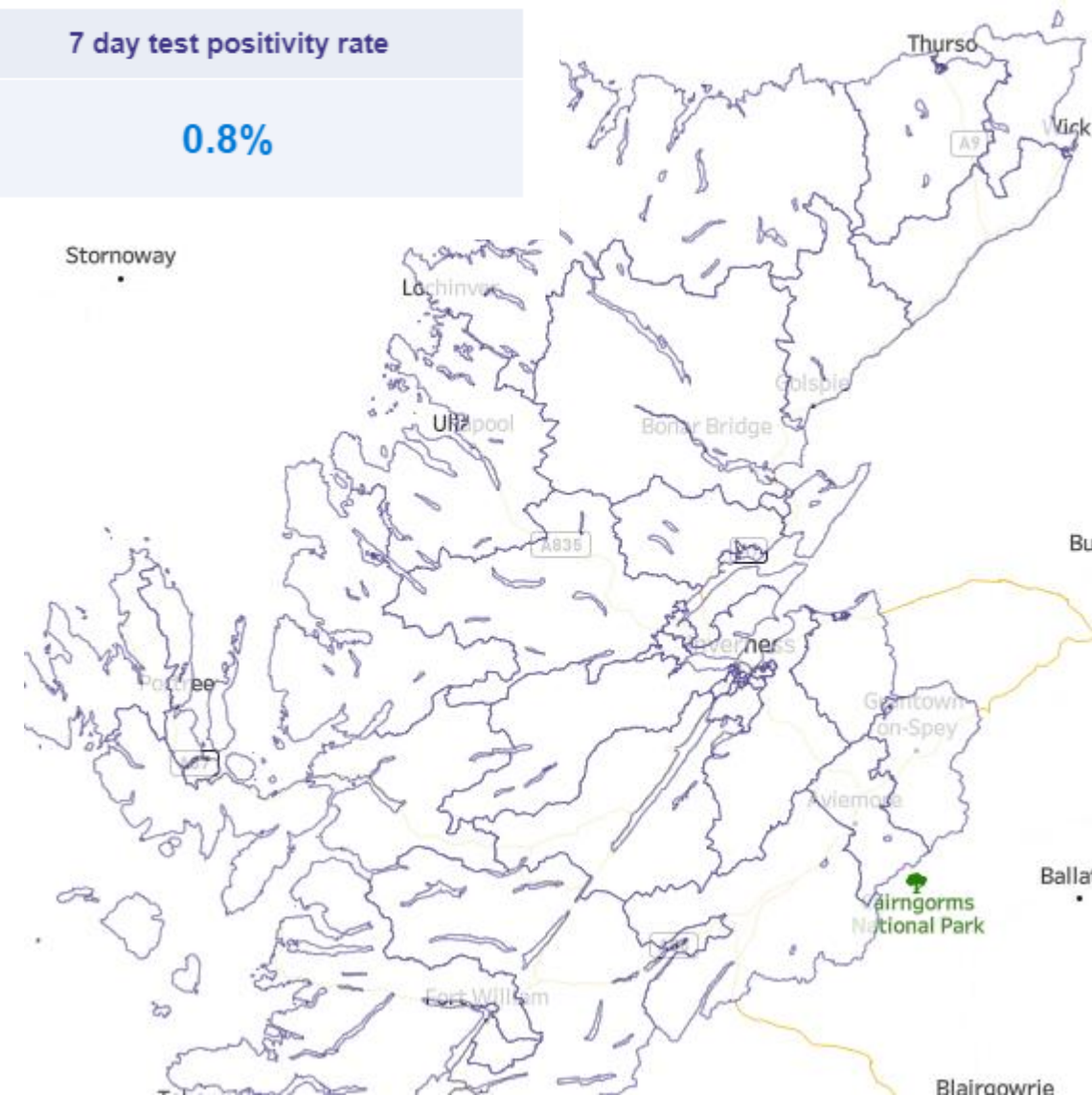
| 7 day positive cases | 7 day positive rate per 100,000 population | 7 day test positivity rate |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 36 | 15.3 | 0.8% |

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| Skye South | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

7 day positive rate per 100,000 population



* For neighbourhoods with fewer than 3 cases, we do not show a 7 day rate to protect patient confidentiality.



Community testing update

- Not everyone who has coronavirus will have symptoms, so people could be spreading the disease without knowing it.
- Government has a programme to offer rapid tests for people without symptoms.
- New offer:
 - **Universal Offer expected to go live from 26.4.21**
 - people can register on-line (Govt website) to order testing kits to be sent to their home address;
 - People can call 0300 303 2713 if they don't have access to the internet to request test kits to make a request for a delivery.
 - **If required by public health, the Council will deploy one of its mobile units and teams to offer LFD testing on location – likely to be where Covid outbreaks occur**
 - Currently deployed in Inverness at the Council's HQ car park, opposite the symptomatic test centre. On site until Saturday this week and Monday to Friday next week 9.30 to 5pm. No appointment needed.

Community testing update

- If mobile units for testing come to your community please take part and encourage others in your community to take part too. No appointments are needed – you just turn up.
- By getting tested, you can help your community, families and friends stay safe and slow down the spread of coronavirus.
- By getting tested, you can help us move towards reopening work places and businesses and avoid any new restrictions being imposed.
- More testing helps to show us how the virus is spread and reduce risks.
- Anyone testing positive will be asked to take a further test to confirm the result and if that 2nd test is positive there is support available for people to self-isolate.
- Advertising community testing in an area will be done through a number of routes. We will contact local groups in any areas affected. Please help spread the word if it comes to your community.

Vaccination programme update

Good progress is being made in Highland:

- For NHS Highland area as a whole, over 153,453 first dose vaccinations have been administered which is **63.2% of the over 16 population against a Scottish rate of 59.3%.**
- On track for all those aged over 50 years to be vaccinated by 18 April as well as anyone with a health condition which puts them at increased risk or is a carer or frontline health or care worker.
- Next cohort is 40-49 year olds.
- Timelines may be brought forward given increase in vaccine supplies expected.
- Most clinics are run by GP practices. A few are led by NHS Highland and our mobile units have been deployed so far in Beauly and Ballachulish in support.

Return to School

From Monday 15 March:

- all children in ELC and P1 – P7 returned full time
- In secondary, over the three week period up to Easter holiday in every school, all young people received some in-school learning, as specified by the national and Highland Council guidance.
- Return to School webpage is available on The Highland Council website.

From Monday 19 April:

- All children back in school full time after Easter.

Schools - different contexts and readiness.

Return to school (talking/listening focus):

- HWB (including outdoor learning)
- High Life Highland are supporting the return to school – Active School Co-ordinators working with staff to support well-being
- Reconnecting/socialise/structure
- Parental engagement/communication/support

Lateral Flow testing

- The opportunity to take part in Lateral flow testing is being rolled out to S1-S3 young people. Schools will issue consent forms, (parental consent as they are under 16) information and support materials and this is now in place since the return to school after the Easter holidays
- Testing has also been offered to school transport providers and any staff working regularly in school, ie HLH and College staff
- **This programme is voluntary** – nobody is required to undergo testing without consent, and nobody should be excluded from school if they do not wish to test. However, Scottish Government are asking that school staff and all secondary pupils be encouraged to participate, in order to contribute to the wellbeing of their school communities.

SQA certification

SQA have published (on 16 February) more detail about this timelines for learning, teaching and assessment to support teachers in arriving at provisional grades.

1 Ongoing until April 2021

Teachers and lecturers access subject specific guidance, assessment resources and Understanding Standards materials and webinars from SQA.

2 April to May 2021

School, college and local authority quality assurance continues. During May, SQA requests, reviews and provides feedback on samples of assessment evidence from each school and college.

3 End of May to 25 June 2021

Schools, colleges, local authorities and SQA work through final stages of local and national quality assurance and feedback to reach provisional results that are consistent, equitable and fair.

4 By 25 June 2021

Schools and colleges submit quality assured provisional results to SQA

5 Appeals process for 2020-21

Appeals process for 2020-21 - to be advised following consultation.

SQA key points

- “The model (ACM) is based on demonstrated attainment and so assessment evidence is required.”
- “Evidence should be gathered under controlled conditions to ensure a degree of equity. It is the quality of evidence which is critical, rather than quantity, and therefore there is no need for a large portfolio or ring-binder of classroom based work.”
- “There is no requirement to replicate full formal exams or prelims this year. Classroom based assessments should be spread over the remaining weeks to help manage the marking and quality assurance activities as well as reduce pressure on learners.”
- “A flexible and consistent framework has been created, including detailed guidance, material and support, based on assessment standards that teachers are familiar with. This should enable schools to deliver the assessment evidence which suits their cohort's circumstances.”
- “Assessment opportunities should not be one-off, high-stakes scenarios and should accommodate, as far as possible, the maximum opportunity for learners to perform well. This includes providing assessment arrangements for those who need additional support.”

Community Asset transfer

- **Aim** – to enable communities to take control over assets in their communities.
- **What is it?** – communities can ask to own, lease, manage or use publicly owned buildings or land. The assets don't have to be available for sale
- **Who can make a request?** – defined in the Community Empowerment Act – key is that they are responsible to their Members
- How do we consider them? - assessment against a range of factors but must demonstrate benefit to the community
- **What requests have been received?** - for community centres and halls, toilets, playing fields, pieces of land, car parks, lighthouse. In 4 years there have been 31 requests made all but 4 of these have been granted with 1 of these subsequently granted an alternative asset, and 2 withdrawn by the groups. There are a number of requests that are currently being considered and these along with details of how to apply can be found at www.highland.gov.uk/cat
- **What is the process?** – expression of interest followed by Community Asset Transfer Request.
- **More information available:** www.highland.gov.uk/cat

Thank you and stay safe

- For local resilience support – please contact your Ward Manager or policy6@highland.gov.uk
- For welfare advice and referring people - Welfare.support@highland.gov.uk
- For the vaccination programme NHSHighland.Feedback@nhs.scot

Please respond to policy6@highland.gov.uk if there are any items you'd like to see included in future briefings.

We plan to review the virtual briefing in mid May (after 3 months), and are keen to hear your views on how helpful this information is and what would make it better.