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

Topics to cover

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

Covid update

- Covid positive tests are slowly declining/levelling
- Infection rate has decreased now to 6.8/100,000 (28 April) – decrease from last week when the rate was 15.8/100,000. 16 cases across Highland over the last 7 days so significant improvement (Scotland=24.5/100,000 - last week 27.8/100,000)
- Test positivity 0.4% (0.8%)
- Small number of cases per neighbourhood – majority are not being highlighted as won't disclose where there is less than 3 in any neighbourhood.
- 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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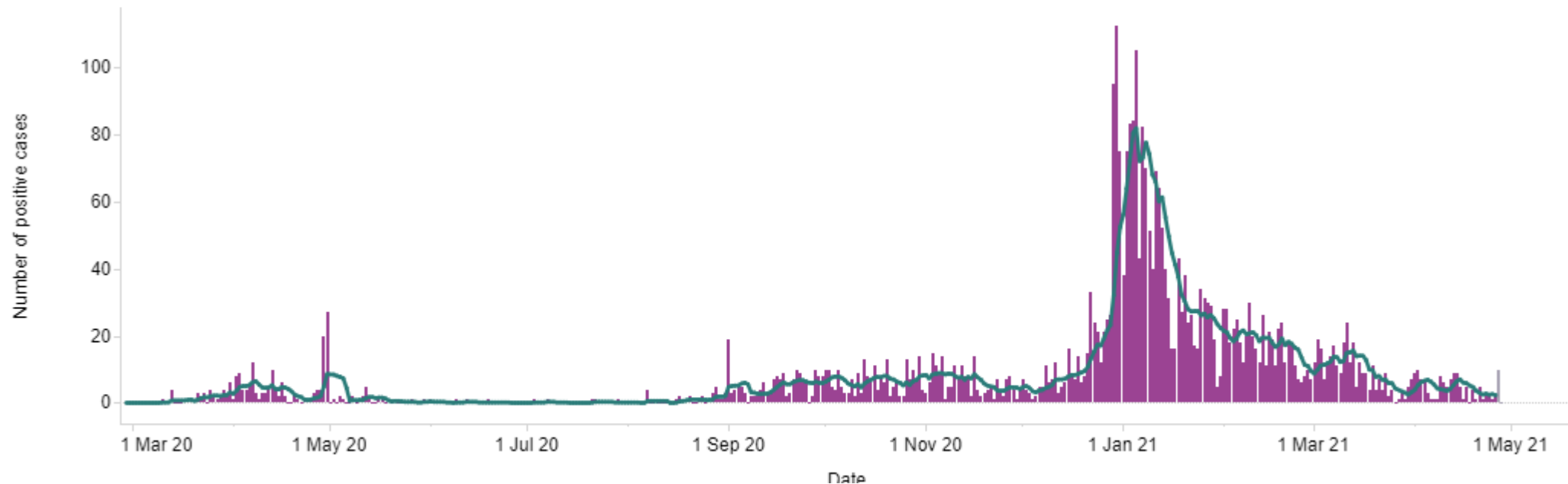
Highland

Daily figure

7 day moving average

Most recent data incomplete

Positive cases by specimen date in Highland



Data position – 28/04/2021. 7 day test positive rate: 6.8/100,000 of Highland population

Cases by neighbourhood

7 day positive cases in Highland based on people tested between 20 April 2021 and 26 April 2021

| 7 day positive cases | 7 day positive rate per 100,000 population | 7 day test positivity rate |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 16 | 6.8 | 0.4% |

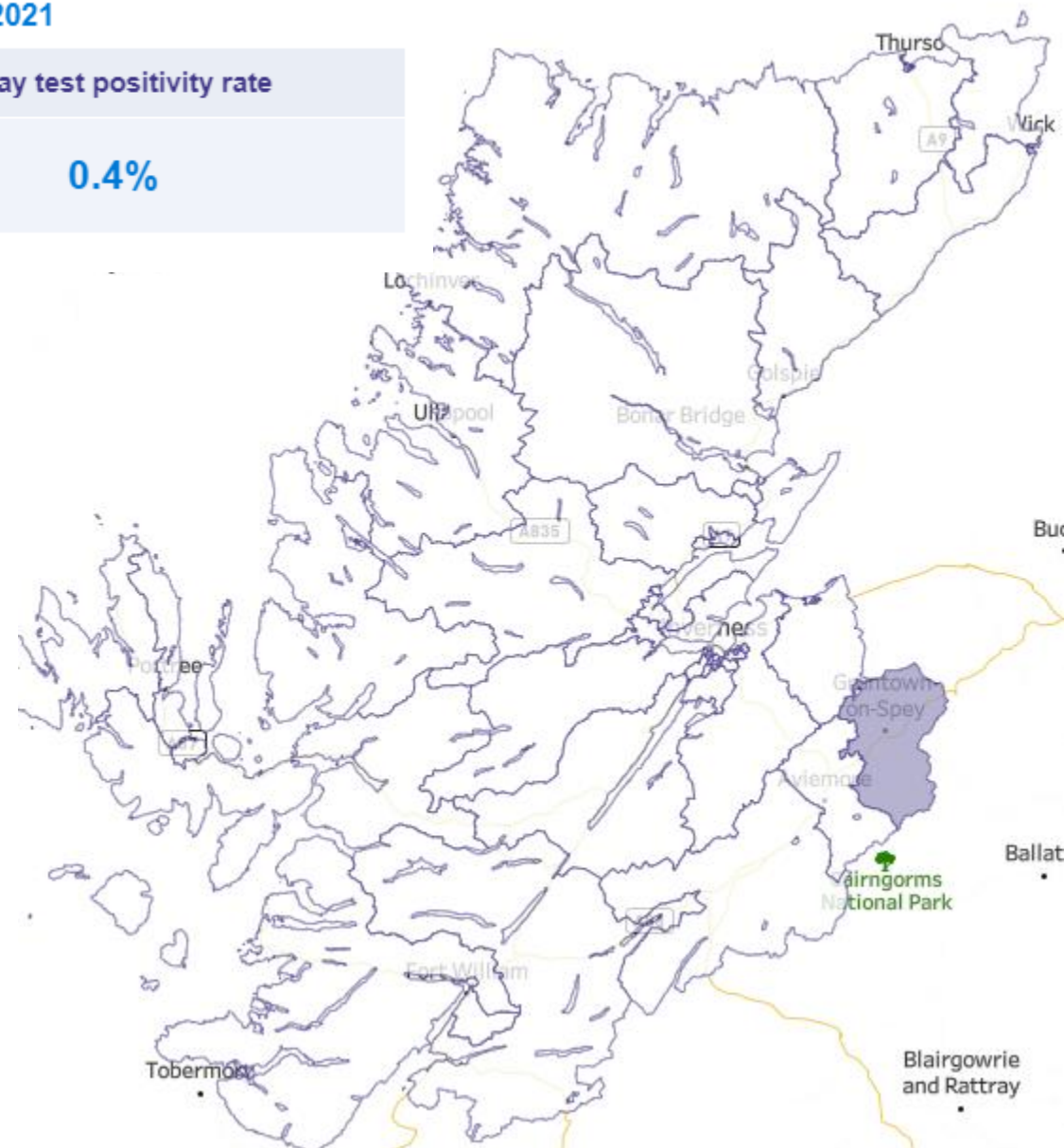
Neighbourhoods in Highland

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| Inverness Westhill | <input type="checkbox"/> | Skye North East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wick South | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seaboard | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wick North | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ross and Cromarty South West | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Sutherland North and West | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nairn Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sutherland East | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nairn East | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Skye South | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

7 day positive rate per 100,000 population

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|---|---------|----------|------------|------------|------|
| * | 1 to 49 | 50 to 99 | 100 to 199 | 200 to 399 | 400+ |
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* For neighbourhoods with fewer than 3 cases, we do not show a 7 day rate to protect patient confidentiality.



Vaccination programme update

Good progress is being made in Highland:

- For NHS Highland area as a whole, over 166,665 people have received their first dose of the vaccine. **65.5% of the over 16 population against a Scottish rate of 61.4%.**
- Most people over 50 will now have received their vaccine although there are still appointments being made for some people who maybe have not yet received the vaccine.
- Some GP practices have set up clinics for 40-49 year olds but this is dependent on supplies
- Ask from NHS Highland for people not to call their GP. People will be contacted when appointments for their age group are ready.

Vaccination programme update

Where GP practices are no longer giving the vaccine, NHS Highland organise clinics. Invitations are being made for people in the 40-49 age group in the areas below:

Lochaber

Craig Nevis Practice, Lochaber - Caol Community Centre - 7-8 May

Glen Mor Medical Practice - Caol Community Centre - 7-8 May

Tweeddale Medical Practice - Caol Community Centre - 7-8 May

Ballachulish Medical Practice - mobile vaccination unit, Ballachulish - 10 May

Mallaig & Arisaig Medical Practice - mobile vaccination unit, Mallaig - 11 May

Skye and Lochalsh

Kyle Medical Practice - Kyle community pharmacy clinics - from 3 May

Dunvegan Medical Practice - Tigh Na Drochaid Resource Centre - 11 May

Portree Medical Practice - Tigh Na Drochaid Resource Centre - 11 May

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Inverness area, Beauly and Fort Augustus

Aird Practice, Beauly - mobile vaccination unit, Beauly - 4 May

Cill Chuimein Medical Centre - Fort Augustus community pharmacy - from 3 May

Culloden Medical - Smithton Church - 10 - 13 May

Fairfield Medical - Smithton Church - 10 - 13 May

Kingsmills - Smithton Church - 10 - 13 May

43 Southside Road Surgery, Inverness - Smithton Church - 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 May

Sutherland

- Brora and Helmsdale Medical Practice - mobile vaccination unit - 7 May

Community testing – new offer

- 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 for anyone to request Lateral Flow Device kits to use at home twice per week:
 - people can register on-line to order testing kits to be sent to their home address <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/>;
 - 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.
 - People can pick these up without an appointment at many local walk-in or drive-through test sites from 3.30pm each day – in Highland this would be the two sites in Inverness and the testing site in Wick

Scottish Parliament Election 6 May

- Council has been sharing about what measures are in place to make sure it is safe and secure for everyone to vote at their polling station.
- General risk assessments and specific covid risk assessments have been carried out at every polling station
- Extra staff have been recruited to help make sure the voting experience is as smooth as possible as things will look different
- Will be a limit on the number of people entering at one time
- Face coverings will be required
- Hand sanitiser available on entry and exit
- Polling station staff will be behind protective screens
- Regular cleaning at polling stations throughout the day on a regular and frequent basis

Scottish Parliament Election 6 May

- Voters asked to take their own pen or pencil but if they don't have one, one will be provided from a new box of pencils for their use only
- Voters are asked to check their poll card as a different polling station may be being used this time
- A video has been produced to reassure voters about the hygiene and distancing measures in all polling stations:
<https://youtu.be/pwNhafMHPSM>
- Reminder:
 - Polling stations open at 7am until 10pm
 - 2 ballot papers – lilac one for constituency MSP and peach one for the regional list MSPs

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.