
**Welcome to the Community Resilience
Virtual Briefing
14 May 2021**

Topics to cover

- Virtual briefing to complement the weekly email briefing
- National situation report
- Covid update
- Vaccination timeline update
- Asymptomatic Community Testing
- Visitor Management Investment
- New Resources for Community Groups
- Key contacts and ideas for future briefings please

National situation report

- Most areas of Scotland and the Isle of Skye are expected to move to Level 2 next Monday (17 May).

At Level 2:

- you can meet socially in groups of up to:
 - 4 adults from 2 households in your home or theirs – and can stay overnight
 - 6 adults from 3 households in an indoor public place like a café, pub or restaurant
 - 8 adults from 8 households can meet outdoors
- you can travel anywhere in Scotland in Levels 0, 1 or 2 but must not enter a Level 3 or 4 area unless for a permitted reason
- up to 50 people can attend weddings and funerals
- tradespeople can carry out any work in your home such as painting, decorating or repairing
- you should work from home where possible

Covid update

- Infection rate has decreased now to 7.2/100,000 (12 May). 17 cases across Highland over the last 7 days so positive sustained low numbers (Scotland=28.5/100,000)
- Test positivity 0.5%
- Small number of cases per neighbourhood – majority are not being highlighted as won't disclose where there is less than 3 in any neighbourhood.
- Moray situation highlighting virus is still around therefore 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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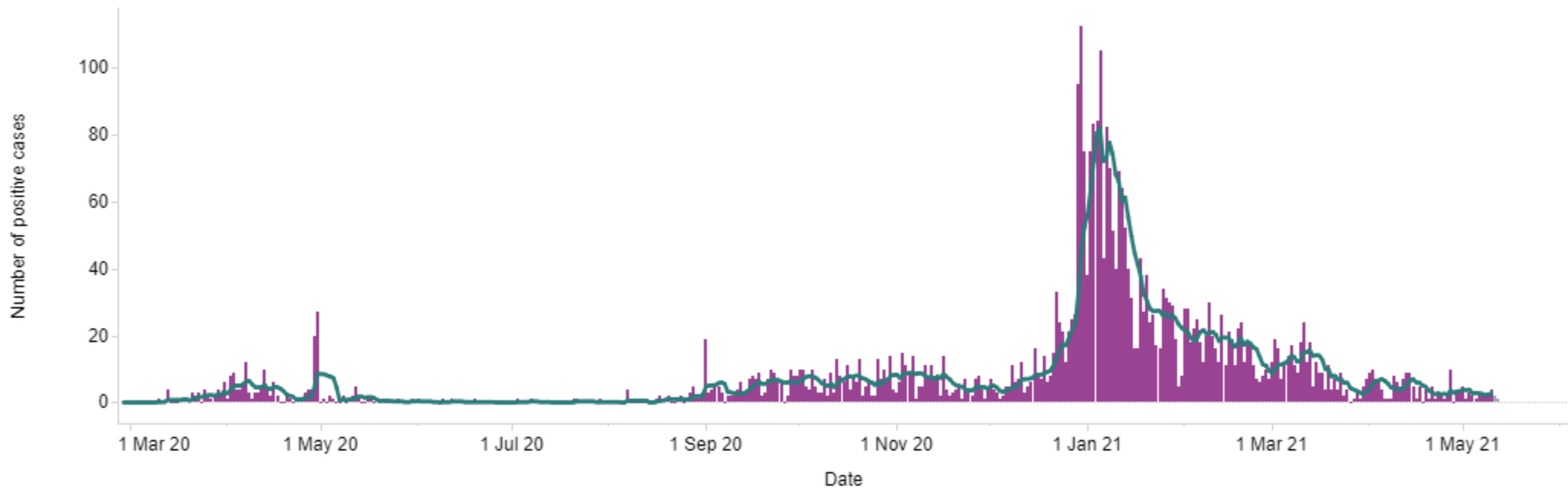
Highland

Daily figure

7 day moving average

Most recent data incomplete

Positive cases by specimen date in Highland



Data position – 12/05/2021. 7 day test positive rate: 7.2/100,000 of Highland population

Cases by neighbourhood

7 day positive cases in Highland based on people tested between 4 May 2021 and 10 May 2021

7 day positive cases	7 day positive rate per 100,000 population	7 day test positivity rate
18	7.6	0.5%

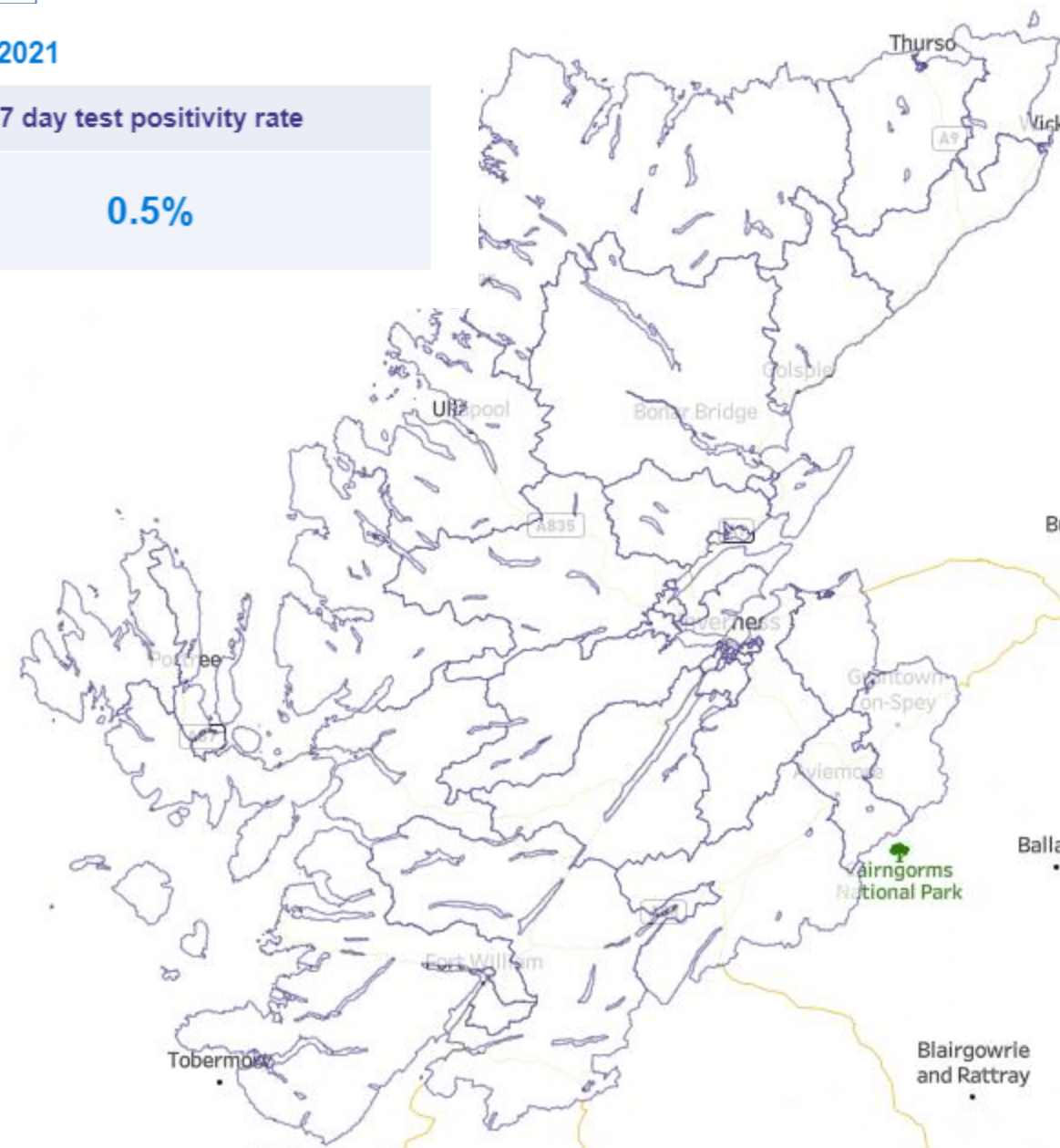
Neighbourhoods in Highland

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Inverness Central, Raigmore and Longman	<input checked="" 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 East	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Skye South	<input type="checkbox"/>		

7 day positive rate per 100,000 population

*	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 167,000 first dose vaccinations have been administered which is 68.4% **of the over 16 population against a Scottish rate of 64.9%**
- Vaccination has reached: 93.7% of over 80's in the community; 95% of those aged 75 – 79 years; 95% of 70 -74's; 93% of 65 -69's; 91% of 60 – 64's; 86% of 55-59's and 73% 50 –54's.
- On track for the adult population to be vaccinated by end July.
- Timelines are dependent on vaccine supplies.
- NHS Highland running clinics where any GP practices withdraw – letters direct to individuals where this is happening
- Our mobile vaccination units are being deployed where needed, so far in Beauly, Ballachulish and Brora. This week they've been in Mallaig and Drumnadrochit and possibly Skye later this month. More locations expected in June and July. We'll provide updates to communities on locations once these have been confirmed by NHS Highland

Asymptomatic Community Testing

- Universal offer opened from 26.4.21 – anyone can register on the Government's website <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition> for test kits to be posted or call 119
- Work place testing e.g. care homes, schools
- Negotiations underway for pharmacies to offer a collect model
- Assisted LFD testing through the Community Testing programme
 - mobile units becoming the norm
 - we have a team trained, 2 vehicles in use and another developed this month
 - processes tested in Inverness and between 21st April and 7th May 158 people attended voluntarily, with one positive test result
 - deploying on location to Thurso and Wick next week – to normalise testing, note there is no outbreak
 - advance notice will be provided to local community groups to help encourage attendance

Visitor Management

- Travel now permitted across mainland UK
- Partnership working group established to identify issues
- Visitor management plan
 - £280,000 on road management and improvements;
 - £250,000 investment in parking management;
 - £300,000 for the provision of new seasonal access rangers;
 - £60,000 spend on public toilet including comfort schemes;
 - £180,000 on waste management (bins, litter and fly-tipping);
 - £200,000 on enhancing bus services; and
 - £125,000 on initiatives to improve visitor management in hotspots within the Cairngorms National Park Area, working in close partnership with the Cairngorms National Park Authority.

Visitor Management – Public Conveniences

- Public conveniences – £60k investment
 - The Council currently operates 75 public conveniences throughout the Highlands
 - 37 comfort scheme agreements with local businesses and community groups in place. Comfort scheme agreements between the Council and businesses and community groups are aimed at meeting public demand in areas that are not served by Council run facilities
 - Six Highland Council public conveniences are due to receive investments in their facilities including new paddle gate systems for charging
 - 8 new comfort schemes have been agreed
 - Further 6 providers are being considered for inclusion in the comfort scheme
 - Funding for vandalism repairs at several sites

Visitor Management - Waste

- Waste services
 - Investment of £180k in enhanced waste services
 - number of larger bins and increased numbers of smaller bins and increased frequency of emptying
 - 8 additional staff employed for the summer season to keep hotspots clear of litter and refuse and emptying bins more frequently
 - These staff will be based in Lochinver for the North West Coast; Ullapool covering the west area; Lochcarron, Portree, Brora/Golspie, Fort William, Aviemore; and Inverness – Loch Ness areas.

New Resources

Welfare Guide

- Highlighting range of financial support and guidance available for individuals who may be struggling
- Range of topics including:
 - how Pension Credit can provide top-up payments and maximise income for pensioners;
 - information on Best Start Grants and Best Start Foods;
 - financial support for individuals who are required to self-isolate

Signposting Resource for Mental Health and Wellbeing

- To help signpost both individuals and communities to trusted services of mental health and wellbeing support.
- Aims to raise awareness of where people can get help in a crisis, and learning tools to develop skills and confidence to allow more open and frequent conversations about mental health.

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.