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

Topics to cover

- Virtual briefing to complement the weekly email briefing
- Covid update
- Vaccination timeline update
- Asymptomatic Community Testing
- Highland Council Seasonal Access Rangers
- Key contacts and community group survey

Covid update

- Infection rate has decreased now to 4.7/100,000 (17 May). 11 cases across Highland over the last 7 days so positive sustained low numbers (Scotland=36.7/100,000)
- Test positivity 0.2% (0.5% last week)
- Small number of cases per neighbourhood – majority are not being highlighted as won't disclose where there is less than 3 in any neighbourhood.
- Increases in certain Local Authority areas across Scotland 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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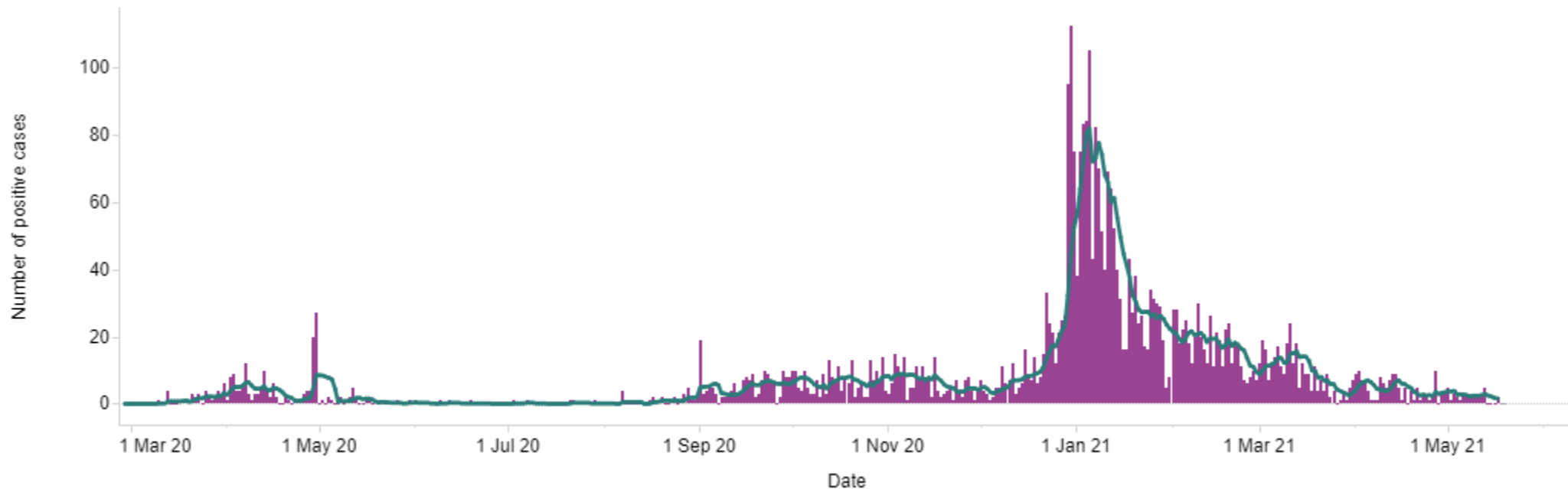
Highland

Daily figure

7 day moving average

Most recent data incomplete

Positive cases by specimen date in Highland



Data position – 17/05/2021. 7 day test positive rate: 4.7/100,000 of Highland population

Cases by neighbourhood

7 day positive cases in Highland based on people tested between 11 May 2021 and 17 May 2021

7 day positive cases	7 day positive rate per 100,000 population	7 day test positivity rate
11	4.7	0.2%

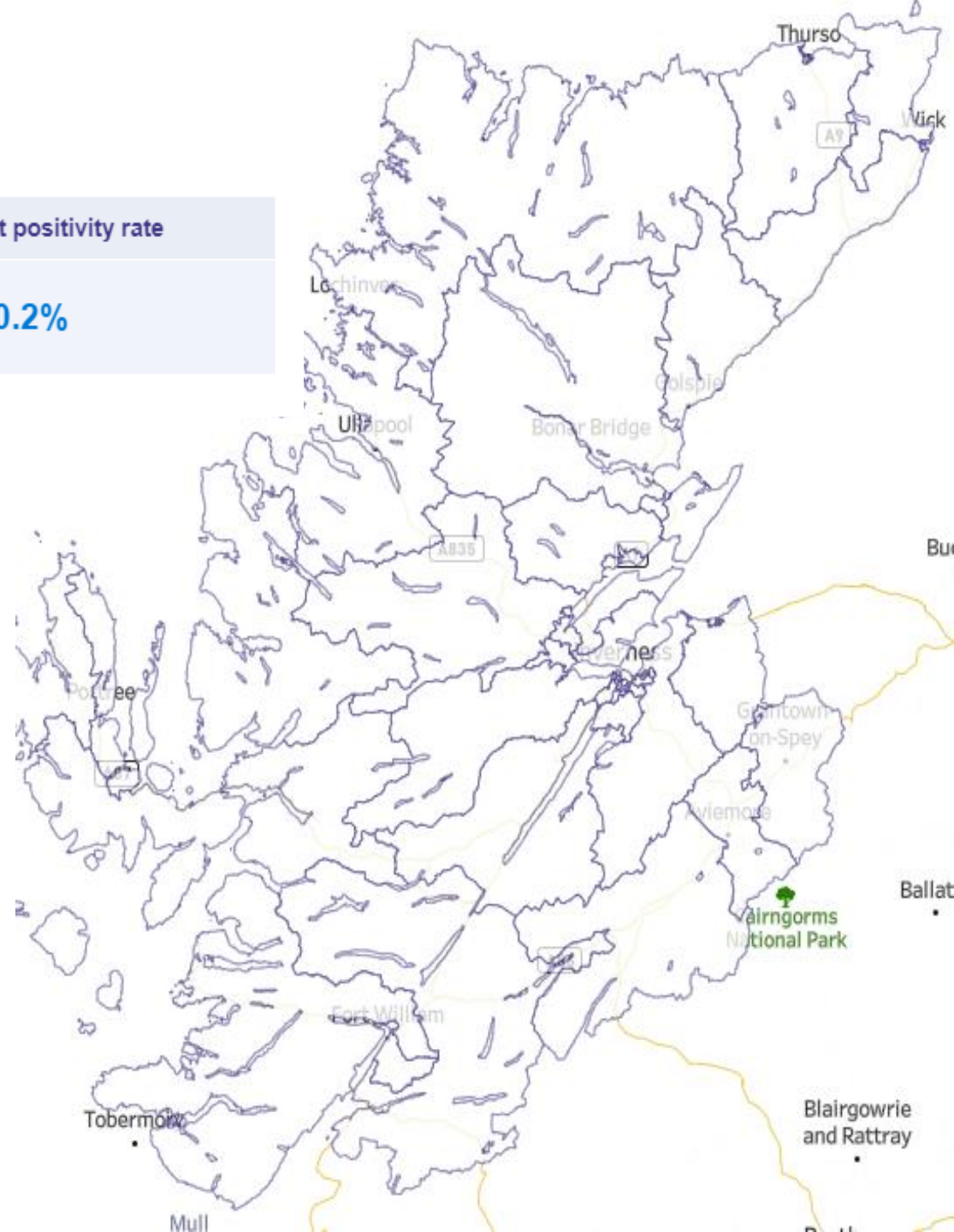
Neighbourhoods in Highland

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Seaboard	<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 NHSH area as a whole, over 167,000 first dose vaccinations have been administered which is 71.9% **of the over 16 population against a Scottish rate of 68.7%**
- Vaccination has reached:
 - Second Dose
 - 95.8% of over 80's;
 - 97.4% of 75 – 79's;
 - 97.6% of 70 -74's;
 - 94.1% of 65 -69's;
 - First dose:
 - 98.8% first dose and 48.7% second dose 60 – 64's;
 - 97.8% first dose and 37.7% second dose 55-59's;
 - 88.7% first dose and 30% second dose 50-54's;
 - 65% first dose 40-49's.

Asymptomatic Community Testing

- Assisted LFD testing through the Community Testing programme - mobile units becoming the norm. 2 Council vehicles supporting this
- Already deployed in Inverness and this week been in Thurso and Wick – note no outbreak but to help support normalising testing.
- Will be deployed to different communities on a weekly basis

Week beginning 24 May 2021: **Dingwall**

- Monday – Friday 9.30-16:30
- Lorry Park off Greenhill Street
- No appointment needed
- Asymptomatic testing and LFD collection

The Highland Council Seasonal Access Rangers

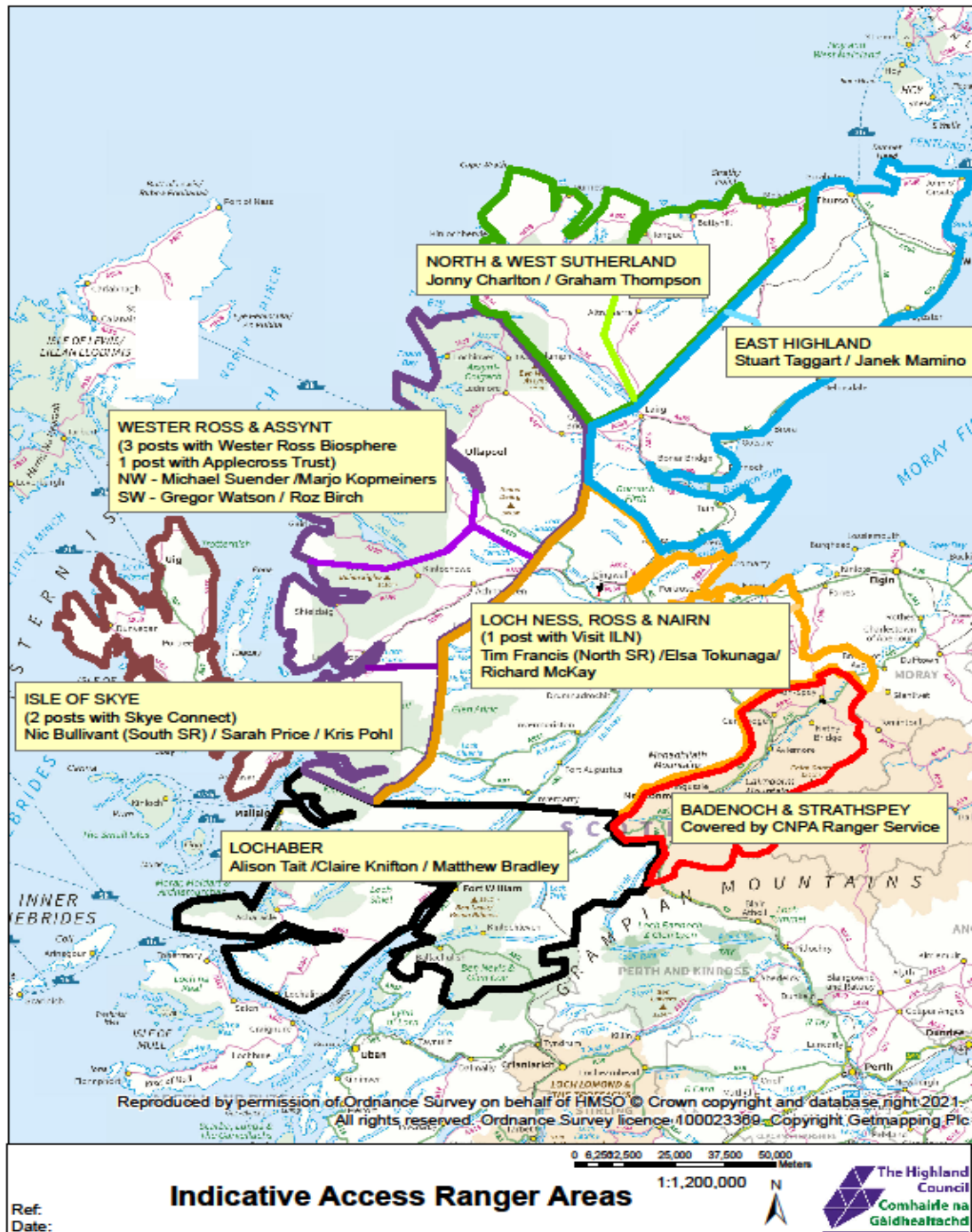


Ranger Patrols on initial lockdown easing

- Existing staff patrolled 5 areas on Saturdays after restriction easing in April, covered 88 sites in
 - NW Sutherland, NW Ross, Loch Ness, Arisaig/Morar
 - And Glens Etive, Coe & Nevis
- Increase in motorhomes in north west. Camping in Lochaber (proximity to Central belt?), most with fires, (Glen Etive-53 tents, Arisaig 10+ on 1st May)
- Litter & locals camping near Loch Ness
- Submitted bid to NatureScot Better Places 2 fund for 7 posts. Collaborated with Wester Ross Biosphere, Skye Connect, Visit Inverness Loch Ness and Applecross Trust

Seasonal Access Rangers

- Better Places 2 funding confirmed, extra 7 posts in addition to 10 THC funded.
- 13 Rangers started on 10th May. 4 Rangers will start on 31st May
- Induction- SOPs and SOAC training. Countryside site & Core path management. Discussion/presentations with Police, Fire Service, Parking Enforcement & Waste Management.
- Supplied with badged vehicle, toolkit and uniform.
- Site visits with Outdoor Access staff.
- First patrols on 15th & 16th May



Ref:
Date:

Indicative Access Ranger Areas

Access Ranger Patrols- first weekend

- 13 Rangers covered 11 routes in Highland, monitored use at 157 sites & spoke to 190 people
- Slight reduction in motorhome numbers, still mostly in west and north
- Fewer tents in Glen Etive but constant in Arisaig. Present elsewhere but smaller numbers and mostly responsible.
- Many fire sites cleared, 3 extinguished in risk site.
- Many site maintenance & fly tipping issues noted for action.
- 1 motorhome waste reported to Waste team

Highland visitor site monitoring



Damaged site: trees cut, fire marks and off-road driving



Typical fire site in scenic woodland location

Highland visitor site monitoring



Beach camping- leaving no trace



Full car parks in April

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

Community Group Briefing Review – survey of community groups

- feedback on weekly briefings,
- understanding response to latest period of lockdown,
- future aims, plans, priorities