



Update for key stakeholders

20 May 2021

COVID cases

We had 15 new cases in the seven days to May 19. The infection rate is 4.5/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 3.5/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 5.1/100,000 in North Highland.

We have no patients in hospital with COVID-19.

There have been 169 recorded deaths in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic: 98 in Highland and 71 in Argyll and Bute. These are deaths within 28 days of a confirmed positive test and represent no change for six weeks.

Vaccination

We have vaccinated 71.9% of over 16 year olds with their first dose, compared to a Scottish average of 68.7%. Our second dose vaccinations are also slightly above average.

We continue to offer 'mop up' appointments to anyone over 50 who has not yet received a first vaccination.

Clinics for 40-49 years olds are being scheduled. Please ask people aged 40-49 not to contact their GP about vaccination appointments as practices are experiencing a high volume of calls at a time when they are already very busy. Patients will be contacted as soon as appointments are available.

You can view progress on the national [vaccination programme online here](#).

Grantown

Following increased community asymptomatic testing in Grantown-on-Spey we are pleased to say there have been no further cases identified. We would like to thank the community in this area for their engagement with the testing programme.

Feedback

If you have comments or queries please contact nhshighland.feedback@nhs.scot