



Update for key stakeholders

10 September 2021

COVID cases

We had 2,097 new cases in the seven days to 05 September. The infection rate is 653.6/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 826.4/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 590.8/100,000 in North Highland.

We have 23 patients in hospital with COVID-19, with six of those in ITU.

There have been 184 recorded deaths in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic: 109 in Highland and 75 in Argyll and Bute. This represents an increase of one in the last 7 days.

Vaccination

94.2% of people over 18 in the NHS Highland area have received one COVID vaccination, compared to a Scottish average of 91.4%. 86.3% have received two doses, compared to a Scottish average of 94.4%. You can view progress on the national [vaccination programme online here](#).

Details of drop-in vaccination clinics for first and second doses are available on our [dedicated web page](#). This will continue to be updated as more clinics are added.

Schools

We are working in close partnership with both councils to support schools across NHS Highland.

Public health advice is as follows:

Children who are sick should not attend school. Where a child has symptoms that could be from COVID they should stay at home and book a PCR test. Once well, and with a negative PCR test, they can return to school.

If a case of COVID arises in a member of staff or student at a school, letters will be issued to those who have been in contact with the case which will explain what action needs to be taken. There will be no need for school contacts to self-isolate unless they are contacted by Test and Protect. In the event of further cases in the school, additional action will be taken and in the event of a significant outbreak, advice will be sought from the Health Protection Team with appropriate actions undertaken depending on the specific circumstances.

Feedback

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