



Update for key stakeholders

11 March 2022

Covid figures

We had 4,158 new cases in the seven days to 7 March. The infection rate is 1,298.1/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 1,295.8/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 1,295.9/100,000 in North Highland.

We have 48 patients in hospital with COVID-19, including 1 in ITU. ITU capacity is 9 beds, of which 1 are occupied with COVID patients, 4 with other patients and 4 are available.

There have been 293 recorded deaths of people with COVID in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic: 184 in Highland and 109 in Argyll and Bute. This represents an increase of 10 in the last 7 days.

Vaccination

COVID-19 vaccinations as at 8 March 2022	NHS Highland	Scotland
% of population (18+) received 1 dose	96.6	93.7
% of population (18+) received 2 doses	93.2	90.0
% of population (18+) received third dose or booster	81.5	77.4

Current situation

Case numbers remain high across the NHS Highland area. We are seeing an increased number of patients who are Covid positive but admitted to hospital for other reasons. On an individual, risk-assessed basis, with infection control measures in place, patients may be treated in locations other than the assigned Covid ward in Raigmore, depending on their needs and the suitability of the location.

We remain very short-staffed, particularly in terms of nurses and care at home colleagues.

Outbreak updates: NHS Highland Care Homes

All Infection Protection and Control measures are in place as appropriate at our care homes, plus regular resident and staff testing.

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Closed: some positive residents and staff.

An Acarsaid

Reopened.

Caladh Sona

Closed: very small number of positive staff.

Dial Mhor

Closed: small number of positive staff members.

Grant House

Under surveillance.

Home Farm

Closed: very small number of residents and staff positive.

Invernevis

Closed: very small number of positive staff.

Loch Broom

Closed: very small number of positive staff.

Melvich

Closed: small number of positive staff.

Pulteney House

Under surveillance.

Seaforth House Golspie

Closed: very small number of positive staff.

Outbreak updates: Hospitals

All Infection Protection and Control measures are in place as appropriate at our hospitals, plus regular patient and staff testing.

Ward 4A Raigmore

Was closed – is now being used as a ‘step down’ ward for positive patients who do not need the specialist care of the Covid ward GC.

Ward 3C Raigmore

Newly closed due to a small number of positive cases.

7 wards across Raigmore have contacts in them too either in side rooms or closed bays.

Belford Ward 1

Remains closed. Very small number of positive patients and staff.

Caithness

Very small number of positive cases being managed without ward closure, situation under constant review.

RNI Ward 2

Ward closed due to some positive staff.

Badenoch and Strathspey Hospital

Ward remains closed.

New Craigs

One ward is partially closed.

Feedback

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