Update for key stakeholders
8 October 2021

COVID cases

We had 597 new cases in the seven days to 3 October. The infection rate is 186.1/100,000 across the NHS Highland area: 243.5/100,000 in Argyll and Bute and 165.2/100,000 in North Highland.

We have 23 patients in hospital with COVID-19, including 2 in ITU. We have 7 ITU beds, currently flexed up to 11, of which 9 are occupied with non-COVID-19 patients.

There have been 203 recorded deaths in the NHS Highland area since the start of the pandemic: 123 in Highland and 80 in Argyll and Bute. This represents an increase of 5 in the last 7 days.

Vaccination

94.7% of people over 18 in the NHS Highland area have received one COVID vaccination, compared to a Scottish average of 92%. 89.2% have received two doses, compared to a Scottish average of 86.5%. 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.

12-15 year olds can now attend drop in clinics. We recognise that locations and opening hours may not be suitable so clinics are being arranged across NHS Highland near or at the locations of High Schools. Further information on these additional vaccination clinics will be communicated as plans are finalised.

The COVID booster (third dose) programme will begin shortly.

Feedback

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