

Testing results

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COVID-19 testing and cases

Bailiwick of Guernsey

Samples tested	Positive results [^]	Negative results	Awaiting results*	No. of deaths**	No. of presumptive deaths***	Number recovered	Known active cases
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Thursday 18th February - We currently have 106 (known) active cases of COVID-19. There have been 2 new cases found in the last day and 19 people have recovered. Both new cases are contacts of known cases. Five patients with COVID-19 are currently in hospital. Two of these are not currently requiring clinical care themselves, but are in hospital supporting a care home's inpatient care provision.

* Awaiting results indicates people who have been swabbed and are awaiting a result as well as people with operations and approved for compassionate travel who are booked several days in advance.

** 2 of the 14 deaths occurred in hospital, excludes one death that was not COVID-19 related.

*** Presumptive deaths have been reduced by one as retrospective review of one of the presumptive deaths concluded that the death was not COVID-19 related.

[^] 252 of the positive cases were from the first wave.

COVID-19 Educational settings



39 cases linked to
a school, college
or early years
providers



Across **11**
educational
settings
(2 new settings)



24 pupils
and **15** staff



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The samples tested number relates to all the sampling and testing activity associated with finding out if a person is positive or negative during 'one testing episode'

For example - a person who is symptomatic, is swabbed and the test outcome is positive. One is added to 'samples tested' and one to 'positive results'. After two weeks the case is re-swabbed to see if they have cleared their infection. They are negative and deemed recovered. Neither the extra swab nor the new negative result are counted as this relates to the original testing episode which has already registered on our statistics.

Active Cases

Active cases are the total number of cases minus those who have recovered or are deceased.

Re-tests for positive cases

Following an evidence review in October and in light of new WHO guidance, the retest strategy for positive cases has been clarified and is now:

- A test on day 10 may be offered
- If negative, you may be released from self-isolation and considered recovered if clinically appropriate.
- If day 10 positive, a clinical review will take place on day 14
- If on day 14 you still have symptoms we will continue to call you regularly and you will be released once Public Health feel you are no longer a risk to the community

All positive cases are offered a test at 10 days after their first positive test result if they have no symptoms of Covid-19 anymore. Some people may be well, but still have a positive test. This is because they may carry parts of the virus in their throats for several weeks. Only whole virus can infect other people, so a positive test at this stage does not necessarily mean that you are “infectious”.

When someone’s Day 10 test is positive, they will remain in isolation and will be called on Day 14 and if they have had no Covid-19 symptoms for a sufficient length of time at that point, then they will be released from isolation as we no longer consider them to be a risk to the community. This is based on recommendations, based on research findings, from the World Health Organisation. If they still have symptoms we will call them every couple of days and only once we are sure that they are fully recovered will we release them from isolation.

Hospital Cases

Five patients with COVID-19 are currently in hospital. Two of these are not currently requiring clinical care themselves, but are in hospital supporting a care home’s inpatient care provision.

Deaths

14 confirmed COVID-19 deaths – COVID-19 positive on laboratory testing / throat swab. Three of which occurred in hospital.

Three presumptive deaths, these have been reduced by one as retrospective review of one of the presumptive deaths concluded that the death was not COVID-19 related.

Details of deaths registered in Guernsey between 1 January 2010 and 18 April 2020 have been examined by the Health Intelligence Unit, Public Health Services, to determine the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on local death registrations from COVID-19 and other causes. The full report can be found in the downloads section on this page.

Further analysis of COVID-19 cases, modelling and efficacy of contact tracing is available in the downloads box below.

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 [Media release - 27 May 2020 - Active Cases \[533.84 KB\]](#)

 [Media release - 2 July 2020 - Public Health provides more details on positive COVID-19 cases](#)

 [Media release - 15 February 2021 - Death of COVID-19 patient at the Princess Elizabeth Hosp](#)

 [COVID-19 Mortality Report - April 2020 \[427.95 KB\]](#)

 [COVID-19 Modelling - July 2020 \[656.8 KB\]](#)

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COVID-19 contacts

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