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Coronavirus in Scotland

Coronavirus (COVID-19) was first identified in December 2019.

The first case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Scotland was confirmed in March 2020.

Scottish test numbers

A total of 6,091 Scottish tests have concluded. Of these:

- 5,864 tests were confirmed negative
- 227 tests were positive

Sadly, three patients in Scotland who tested positive for coronavirus have died.

| Health board | Positive cases |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Ayrshire and Arran | 9 |
| Borders | 7 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 4 |
| Fife | 8 |
| Forth Valley | 15 |
| Grampian | 24 |
| Greater Glasgow and Clyde | 57 |
| Highland | 5 |
| Lanarkshire | 25 |
| Lothian | 33 |
| Shetland | 16 |
| Tayside | 24 |

Last updated: 2pm on 18 March 2020. The latest numbers will publish at 2pm each day.

The Department of Health and Social Care publishes [UK figures](#) on behalf of all UK Chief Medical Officers. Test results from Scotland are included in the overall UK figure.

Coronavirus symptoms and health advice



Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- high temperature or fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

Public health advice can be found at: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) on NHS Inform](#).

A free helpline has been set up for people who do not have symptoms but are looking for general advice: 0800 028 2816.

Overseas visitors to Scotland, regardless of their residency status, are exempt from NHS charges for both the diagnosis and treatment of coronavirus (COVID-19).

- [healthcare for overseas visitors](#) 
- [healthcare for refugees and asylum seekers](#) 

Travel advice

Travel advice and country specific information can be found at: [FitForTravel](#).

Information for professionals and organisations

The [latest information and advice for professionals and organisations](#) is on the Health Protection Scotland website.

Our approach

Our approach is guided by the Chief Medical Officer, and we continue to monitor the situation closely and to work with the WHO and international community.

We are working with the Welsh Government, Northern Ireland Executive, and the UK Government to respond to the ongoing outbreak.

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