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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: 19 March 2020

- 266 tests were positive
- 6 patients who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have died
- The total number of tests and negative results will be updated later today.

Health board	Positive cases
Ayrshire and Arran	12
Borders	8
Dumfries and Galloway	6
Fife	9
Forth Valley	17
Grampian	18
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	71
Highland	6
Lanarkshire	33
Lothian	35
Shetland	24
Tayside	27

Last updated on 19 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

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- 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](#) 

Information for professionals and organisations

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

Travel advice

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

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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