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Coronavirus in Scotland

Protect yourself and others:

- stay at home
- only go outside for essential food, health and work reasons
- stay 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people
- wash your hands regularly
- wash your hands as soon as you get home

Coronavirus symptoms

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are a new continuous cough and/or a fever/high temperature (37.8C or greater).

A new continuous cough is where you:

- have a new cough that's lasted for an hour
- have had 3 or more episodes of coughing in 24 hours
- are coughing more than usual

Health advice

Health advice can be found on: [NHS Inform](#).


A free helpline can give advice if you do not have symptoms, but are looking for general advice: 0800 028 2816.

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

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](#) 

Scottish test numbers: 05 April 2020

 Please note: as highlighted by the First Minister today, these figures are not fully representative of developments this weekend as we continue to move to [a new process for reporting deaths](#).

A total of 23,143 people in Scotland have been tested. Of these:

- 19,437 tests were confirmed negative

- 3,706 tests were positive
- 220 patients who tested positive have died

Find out about our [new process for reporting COVID-19 deaths](#).

Health board	Positive cases
Ayrshire and Arran	267
Borders	130
Dumfries and Galloway	141
Fife	200
Forth Valley	226
Grampian	194
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	931
Highland	99
Lanarkshire	478
Lothian	534
Orkney	4
Shetland	41
Tayside	457
Eileanan Siar (Western Isles)	4

The latest numbers will publish at 2pm each day.

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

Help your community and volunteering advice

Information on how to help your community is on the [Ready Scotland](#) website.

Business advice

If you run a business you can get advice by calling the helpline: 0300 303 0660. It is open Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Select option 1 to speak to the COVID-19 team.

The [Find Business Support](#) website gives the latest information and advice.

Benefits and employment rights

Advice about benefits and employment rights is on [Citizens Advice Scotland](#).

Advice for parents

Advice for parents is on the [ParentClub](#) website.

Travel, visa and passport advice

You must stay at home, do not travel unless for food, health and essential work.

Guidance for British people travelling abroad: [Travel advice: coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

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

Guidance for visa holders and applicants in Scotland, and British nationals overseas who need to apply for a passport: [Visa and passport advice \(COVID-19\)](#).

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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