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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: 21 April 2020

A total of 41,699 people in Scotland have been tested. Of these:

- 33,027 were confirmed negative
- 8,672 were positive
- 985 patients who tested positive have died

Find out about the [process for daily reporting of COVID-19 deaths](#).

Management information reported by NHS Boards shows:

- 166 patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 were in intensive care last night, with 159 of those having tested positive
- There were 1,866 people in Scottish hospitals with either confirmed or suspected COVID-19 (including those in intensive care)

View the [full breakdown by NHS Board](#), which also includes management information such as number of 111 calls and NHS absences.

The latest numbers will publish at 2pm each day.

The latest weekly report on COVID-19 related deaths (including those where COVID-19 is suspected) is available from [National Records of Scotland \(NRS\)](#).

This report shows that of the 962 deaths that have been registered with COVID-19 mentioned on the death certificate up to 12th April, a quarter were in care homes.

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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