## Coronavirus - Wednesday's figures

The number of cases of Covid-19 in Scotland were announced by Public Health Scotland today.

The First Minister addressed a virtual recall of parliament on Tuesday afternoon setting out details of the next phase of any relaxation of restrictions. Today the highest number of cases is announced in NHS Lothian.

Ms Sturgeon said: "I will emphasise that this is a time for continued caution — for government to take the tough decisions necessary to help safeguard the health and wellbeing of the country. So while Scotland will move to level 0 from next Monday, we will do so with certain modifications to our indicative plans. This is intended to ensure that our pace of easing restrictions is sensible in light of the challenge we continue to face from the Delta variant. nd I will confirm that certain mitigations — such as the mandatory wearing of face coverings — will remain in place not just now but, in all likelihood, for some time to come.

"Measures like the continued wearing of face coverings are important, not just to give added protection to the population

as a whole, but also to give protection and assurance to those amongst us who are particularly vulnerable and previously had to shield.

"Lifting all restrictions and mitigations right now would put all of us at greater risk — but in particular it would make it much more difficult for the most clinically vulnerable to go about their normal lives. It would risk the imposition of shielding by default and that is not something we should do.

"As I said earlier, in coming to today's decisions, the government has had to weigh up both positive and more challenging developments. The continued progress of the vaccination programme is obviously positive.

"Also encouraging is that case numbers — which were rising sharply two weeks ago — now appear to have levelled off. In fact, they have fallen in recent days. In the week to 4th July, an average of 3,300 positive cases per day were recorded.

"The Scottish Government understands the temptation to lift more restrictions more quickly — of course we do. "But in our view, and in line with clinical advice and modelling, a gradual approach stands the best chance of minimising further health harm and loss of life. And also because a gradual approach stands the best chance of being a sustainable approach, it will be better in the long term for the economy as well. So we will continue to ease restrictions — we are not slamming on the brakes — but we will do so carefully. Let me turn then to the detail of our decisions.

"From Monday 19 July, all parts of Scotland not currently there will move to level 0. However, this move will be made with certain modifications — applied consistently across the country — to ensure that we are not easing up faster than is sensible."

All the details are on The Scottish Government website and are

## summarised as:

## At Level 0:

- you can meet socially in groups:
  - of up to 8 people from 4 households in your home
     or theirs and can stay overnight
  - of up to 10 people from 4 households in an indoor public place like a café, pub or restaurant
  - of up to 15 people from 15 households outdoors
- under 12s do not count towards the total number of people or households meeting outside but count towards the household numbers indoors
- you do not need to physically distance from family and friends in a private home
- you can travel anywhere in Scotland in Levels 0, 1 or 2 but must not enter a Level 3 or 4 area unless for a permitted reason
- •you can travel anywhere in England, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands — before you travel you must check the travel rules in those countries
- you can provide informal childcare, for example to look after a grandchild
- up to 200 people can attend weddings and funerals
- tradespeople can carry out any work in your home such as painting, decorating or repairing
- you should work from home where possible

On Monday the Prime Minister confirmed the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions in England, saying at a press conference:

"We've come to a stage in the pandemic when there is no easy answer or obvious date for unlocking. We have cases rising significantly — with more than 30,000 per day. And we can see what is happening across Europe as the Delta variant takes hold among our friends.

"We know we're going to see more hospitalisations and more deaths from Covid. But we also know that this wave was clearly foreseen by our scientists when we first set out that roadmap in February.

"And if anything, so far, we are in the middle range of their projections for infections and at the lower end of their projections for mortality.

"And we also know that if we were now to delay this fourth step — for instance to September or later — then we would be re-opening as the weather gets colder and as the virus acquires a greater natural advantage and when schools are back."

According to <u>Travelling Tabby</u> who keeps the daily records here only 50.7% of people in Edinburgh have been vaccinated which is the lowest in Scotland.

On most days in the past week or so the number of those who have received a vaccination has been less than 30,000.

The revised strategic framework in Scotland sets out the next review point which is 19 July, and that is when any new rules

come into place.

After that the next significant date is 9 August when the vast majority of over 40s will have a significant level of protection. At that time it might be possible to move beyond Level 0, but it will depend on the data at the time. But in any case the government will not advise an immediate return to full offices working from 9 August. All of these measures will take time to put back in place.

## **Statistics**

Deaths involving COVID-19 Week 27: 05 - 11 July 2021

As at 11 July, 10,220 deaths have been registered in Scotland where Covid-19 was mentioned on the death certificate, according to statistics published by National Records of Scotland (NRS).

In the week 5-11 July 2021, 30 deaths were registered that mentioned COVID-19 on the death certificate, an increase of eight deaths from the previous week.

There were five deaths in the City of Edinburgh and four deaths in both Glasgow City and South Lanarkshire. Fourteen other council areas also recorded deaths involving COVID-19 last week.

Over the course of the pandemic, Glasgow City, Renfrewshire, West Dunbartonshire and North Lanarkshire have had the highest COVID-related death rates, with people in large urban areas being 3.7 times as likely to die with COVID as those in remote rural areas, after adjusting for age.

Pete Whitehouse, Director of Statistical Services, said: "Five of the COVID-related deaths last week were aged under 65, four were aged 65-74 and there were twenty one deaths amongst people aged 75 or over. Nine were female and twenty one were male.

After adjusting for age, COVID-related death rates for males are significantly higher than for females. In the period from March 2020 to June 2021, COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificates of 176 males per 100,000 population compared to 121 females per 100,000.

There have been 4 deaths where the underlying cause was adverse effects of COVID-19 vaccines. There have been no vaccine-related deaths in the latest month. By 30 June 2021 statistics from Public Health Scotland state that 3.82 million people had been given at least one vaccine dose."

In the last week the total number of deaths from all causes was 6% higher than the average for week 27 in the period 2015-2019. At the height of the pandemic in April 2020, there were around 80% more deaths than average.

93% of COVID-related deaths between March 2020 and June 2021 had at least one pre-existing medical condition, with the most common being dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

Figures below with an asterisk are provisional and reflect some difficulty in establishing the correct figure.

Date	Newly reported cases of Covid-19	Cases in Lothian	New tests	Test positivity rate (bold denotes days under 3.0% and the highest in recent weeks)	Newly reported deaths	Number of deaths according to daily measurement	Patients in ICU with confirmed Covid-19	Patients in hospital with confirmed Covid-19 (under 500 is in bold)	Total number of positive cases since beginning of pandemic	Number of first dose vaccinations administered	Number of daily vaccinations recorded for previous day with highest daily figure in bold (includes 1st and 2nd doses) Above 30,000 in bold	Number of people who have received their second dose of vaccine
14 July 2021	2,636	534	35,849	8.1%	11	7,772	46	515	321,202	3,948,446	18,222	2,914,904
13 July 2021	2,529	594	23,804	11.5%	4	7,761	41	506	318,566	3,941,571	17,449	2,903,557
12 July 2021	2,134*	482	21,326*	11.1%	0	7,757	40	469	316,037	3,934,408	21,944	2,893,271
11 July 2021	2,048	438	20,242	11.2%	0	7,757	40	444	313,903	3,928,409	24,480	2,877,326
10 July 2021	2,190		27,162		7	7,757	42	435			26,128	
9 July 2021	3,216	775	35,331	9.9%	6	7,750	39	427	309,665	3,911,189	28,377	2,843,938
8 July 2021	2,802	591	38,333	8%	4	7,744	38	401	306,449	3,900,864	27,672	2,825,886

7 July 2021	3,799	866	40,842	10.0%	5	7,740	34	387	303,647	3,890,176	28,549	2,808,902
6 July 2021	2,363	502	25,123	10.2%	6	7,735	32	346	299,848	3,879,458	27,170	2,791,071
5 July 2021	2,372	561	20,222	12.6%	0	7,729	30	338	297,485	3,869,223	23,619	2,774,136
4 July 2021	2,726	641	25,648	11.4%	0	7,729	25	316	295,113	3,857,584	25,996	2,762,156
3 July 2021	3,108	683	34,567	9.6%	3	7,729	25	305	292,387	3,844,371	24,627	2,749,373
2 July 2021	3,823			10.8%	4	7,726	19	285	289,279	3,831,770	30,141	2,737,347
1 July 2021	4,234	999	42,843	10.5%	6	7,722	16	275	285,456	3,816,251	27,272	2,722,725
30 June 2021	3,887	843	41,710	9.8%	3	7,716	19	235	281,222	3,799,467	28,622	2,712,237
29 June 2021	3,118	777	27,875	11.6%	1	7,713	20	215	277,335	3,781,887	25,928	2,701,195
28 June 2021	3,285	795	27,226	12.6%	0	7,712	20	202	274,217	3,765,379	30,287	2,691,775
27 June 2021	2,639	657	31,695	8.9%	1	7,712	17	196		3,747,510	29,939	2,679,357
26 June 2021	2,836	849	33,569	8.9%	3	7,711	18	197	268,293	3,730,101	39,730	2,666,827
25 June 2021	1,747	284	26,794	6.9%	2	7,708	16	188	265,457	3,709,801		2,647,397
24 June 2021	2,999			7.7%	5		17	177				
23 June 2021	2,969	830	42,310	7.3%	5	7,701	18	170	260,711	3,682,620	31,746	2,617,450
22 June 2021	2,167	581	25,038	9.1%	4	7,696	18	171	257,742	3,664,571	32,917	2,602,753
21 June 2021	1,250			7.2%	0	7,692	14	158				
20 June 2021	1,205	321	22,098	5.8%	0	7,692			254,325	3,630,589	35,652	2,571,637
19 June 2021	1,209	331		4.5%	2	7,692			253,120			
18 June 2021	950	212	29,254	3.5%	2	7,690	12	128	251,911	3,591,638	39,649	2,535,803
17 June 2021	1,317	262	30,990	4.6%	4	7,688	12	140	250,961	3,571,726	42,695	2,516,066
16 June 2021	1,129		35,638	3.4%	1	7,684	15	133	248,515	3,551,739*		2,493,358
15 June 2021	974		20,761	5.0%	2	7,683	17	137	248,515	3,531,461	37,140	2,470,181
14 June 2021	761	210	15,781	5.2%	0	7,681	17	128	247,541	3,517,668	41,390	2,446,834
13 June 2021	1036*	230	22,856	5.0%	0	7,681			246,780	3,497,287	43,034	2,425,825
12 June 2021	1030*	297	26,650	4.1%	2	7,681			245,744	3,477,378	45,769	2,402,700
11 June 2021	1,104*	241	28,563	4.1%	0	7,679	13	132	244,714	3,459,063	47,911	2,375,246
10 June 2021	735	217	28,379	2.8%	1	7,679	14	124	243,610	3,441,217	50,272	2,345,181
9 June 2021	1,011	241	36,227	3.0%	1	7,678	14	121	242,875	3,422,431	50,057	2,313,695
8 June 2021	695	157	14,873	5.0%	0	7,677	12	121	241,864	3,403,866	48,489	2,282,203
7 June 2021	641		16,192	4.2%	0		12	122		3,386,321		2,251,259
6 June 2021	775	215	20,675	4.0%	0	7,677			240,528	3,365,779	44,883	2,227,493
5 June 2021	860	201	27,436	3.4%	1	7,677			239,753	3,345,842	51,814	2,202,547
4 June 2021	992	213	26,962	3.9%	2	7,676	8	116	238,893	3,326,005	53,145	2,170,570

3 June 2021	835	227	31,841	2.8%	4	7,674	8	110	237,901	3,305,812	50,992	2,137,618
2 June 2021	677	160	26,258	2.8%	1	7,670	10	114	237,066	3,286,261	49,917	2,106,177
1 June 2021	478	107	16,489	3.1%	0	7,669	10	106	236,389	3,267,290	47,130	2,075,231
28 May 2021	641	132	25,939	2.6%	2	7,668	6	90	234,312	3,196,051	49,965	1,971,006
3 May 2021	132		10,195	1.5%	0					2,824,955		1,326,599
1 April 2021	400	73	25,956	1.8%	8	7,610	21	215	218,432	2,493,327	42,984	399,062
27 March 2021	563	119	25,519	2.4%	6	7,584	26	283	216,705	2,358,807	50,875	294,714
25 March 2021	701	157	31,946	2.4%	10	7,572	32	310	215,599	2,285,711	50,083	263,236
27 February 2021	525	106	19,615	3.1%	18	7,129	74	898	201,512	1,570,153	27,224	72,178
4 February 2021	1,149	159	27,668	4.9%	53	6,322	127	1,812	183,418	694,347	45,085	9,031
7 January 2021	2,649	357		11.3%	78		100	1,467	143,715			
31 December 2021	2,622		28,295	10.1%	68		70	1,174				
16 December 2020	689			5.9%	38		49	1,031		18,644		



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