

Coronavirus – Wednesday's figures

Public Health Scotland has just published the latest data on Covid-19 in Scotland. The daily case numbers remain high and The First Minister will be delivering an update on the pandemic at 2.50pm in Holyrood.

You can watch the proceedings from Holyrood [here](#).

If you wish to see the figures up to 31 August for each day (with some highs and lows from the past few months) then please read below and also read this article [here](#), but for the sake of brevity the top table now has September information only.

Scotland has now moved beyond Level 0 but the legal requirement for wearing masks in indoor settings is to be retained largely as it has been.

Deaths involving COVID-19

Week 34: 23 – 29 August 2021

National Records of Scotland issue these statistics weekly.

As at 29 August, 10,554 deaths have been registered in Scotland where the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was mentioned

on the death certificate, according to statistics published today by National Records of Scotland (NRS).

In the week 23 – 29 August, 48 deaths were registered that mentioned COVID-19 on the death certificate, an increase of seven deaths from the previous week.

28 deaths were of people aged over 75, 11 were people aged 65-74 and nine were under 65. 28 of the people who died were male and 20 were female.

There were seven deaths in the Scottish Borders, six in Glasgow City and five in East Lothian. 36 people died in hospital, seven in care homes and five at home.

Pete Whitehouse, Director of Statistical Services, said:

“Today’s NRS figures show that there were 48 deaths in Scotland last week where COVID-19 was mentioned on the death certificate, an increase of seven on the previous week’s figure.”

“Deaths from all causes were 10% higher than average for the equivalent week in the period 2015 to 2019. This is the 14th consecutive week where deaths have been above average.”

Beyond Level 0

The legal requirement for physical distancing and limits on gatherings has been removed from Monday 9 August when all venues across Scotland are able to re-open.

Some protective measures will stay in place such as the use of face coverings indoors and the collection of contact details as part of Test and Protect. Capacity limits of 2000 people indoors and 5000 people outdoors will also remain in place although some exceptions may be possible on a case by case basis. These will be reviewed on a three weekly basis to ensure they remain proportionate.

Adults identified as close contacts of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 will also no longer be automatically required to self-isolate for 10 days from 9 August. Anyone who is double-vaccinated with at least two weeks passed since their second dose and who has no symptoms will be able to end self-isolation if they return a negative PCR test. The same conditions will also apply to anyone aged between five and 17 years old, even if they have not been vaccinated. The requirement to take a PCR test will not apply to children under the age of five.

Test and Protect will also implement revised guidance for under 18s. This means that the blanket isolation of whole classes in schools will no longer happen and a targeted approach, that only identifies children and young people who are higher risk close contacts, will be adopted. Fewer young people will have to self-isolate, and most will be asked to self-isolate for a much shorter period of time. To allow time to monitor the impacts of these changes, the majority of the mitigations that were in place in schools in the previous term will be retained for up to six weeks. This will help support a safe and sustainable return to education after the summer break.

While the gateway condition on vaccination has been met, with 92% of those over the age of 40 protected by two doses of the vaccine, there are still many more people who have not had the vaccine, cannot have it, or are not yet eligible for it. Invitations for vaccines are now going out to 12 to 17 year olds with specific health conditions that make them more vulnerable to Covid. This follows the recent advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. The government expects to have offered first doses to this group by the end of August.

The JCVI has now recommended vaccination to young people aged 16 and 17.