As at 18 May 2020

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About this release

This weekly release by Public Health Scotland presents data on COVID-19 across NHSScotland. New analysis included this week: Ethnicity - COVID-19 outcomes.

Main Points

- As at 18 May 2020, there have been 14,594 confirmed COVID-19 cases, equating to 267 confirmed cases per 100,000 population.
- The number of new admissions for patients who test positive for COVID-19 has reduced over the last two weeks and is now substantially lower than the number at the peak in late March/early April.

Daily profile of Hospital Admissions* for those with a positive COVID-19 result

Source: RAPID – Data for acute hospitals only, Golden Jubilee National Hospital not included.

* Any admission for which the patient was tested positive during their stay in hospital OR within 14 days prior to the date of admission

- An initial analysis of the ethnicity of COVID-19 patients in hospital and seriously ill has been carried out. While the proportion of ethnic minority patients among those seriously ill with COVID-19 appears no higher than the proportion in the Scottish population generally, numbers are currently very low and the analysis will be improved and updated as more data becomes available.
- As at 17 May 2020, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 patients admitted to an Intensive Care Unit was 502, compared to 495 as at 10 May 2020.
**Wider Impact Detailed Analysis**

The response to the COVID-19 pandemic is likely to have a wider impact on health and care as a result of the lockdown, economic pressures and changes to health services.

A range of analyses on the impact of COVID-19 across aspects of NHS Scotland is available on the [interactive information tool](#).

**Background**

On 1 March 2020, the first person in Scotland was tested positive for COVID-19. On the 17 March NHS Scotland was placed in an emergency footing by the Cabinet Secretary. Schools have been closed since 20 March and the country has been in lockdown since 23 March.

Since the start of the outbreak, Public Health Scotland (PHS) has been working closely with the Scottish Government and health and care colleagues to support the surveillance and monitoring of COVID-19 amongst the population.

There is a large amount of data being regularly published regarding COVID-19 (for example, [Coronavirus in Scotland – Scottish Government](#) and [Deaths involving coronavirus in Scotland – National Records of Scotland](#)). This report complements the range of existing data currently available.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a rapidly evolving situation.

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**Further Information**

Data from this publication are available from the [publication page](#) on our website.

The next release of this publication will be 27 May 2020.

**Open Data**

Data from this publication is available to download from the [Scottish Health and Social Care Open Data Portal](#).

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