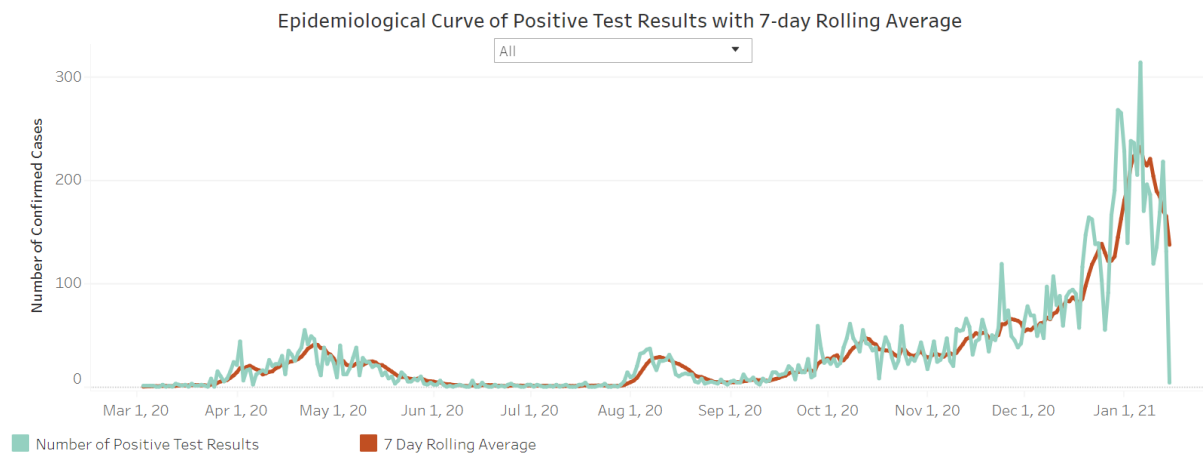


Appendix 5 – Current NHS Data as of 15th of January

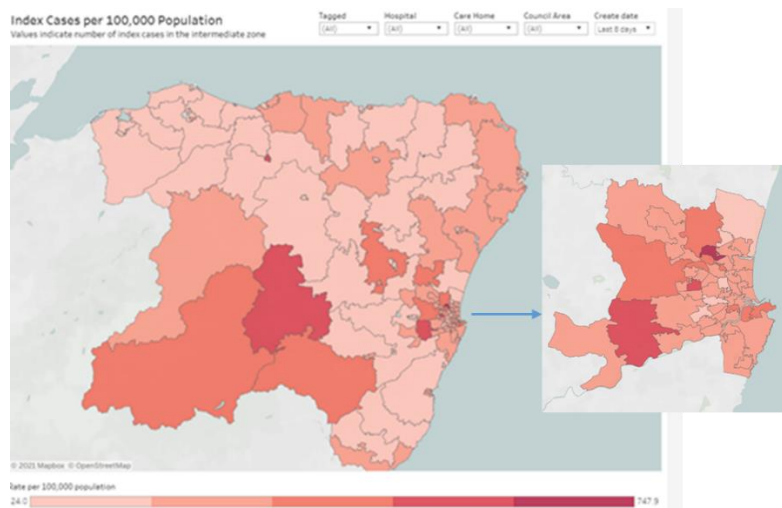
Current Position in Aberdeen

We have seen some change in positive test results over the past week, suggesting at least a levelling off of case numbers in Grampian. However the numbers remain at a very high level and with new variants emerging, the situation remains fragile and uncertain. On 11/1, our 7 day rate was 229.8 per 100,000, down from 250 the week before. Aberdeenshire, City and Moray rates were 226, 261 and 141 respectively.



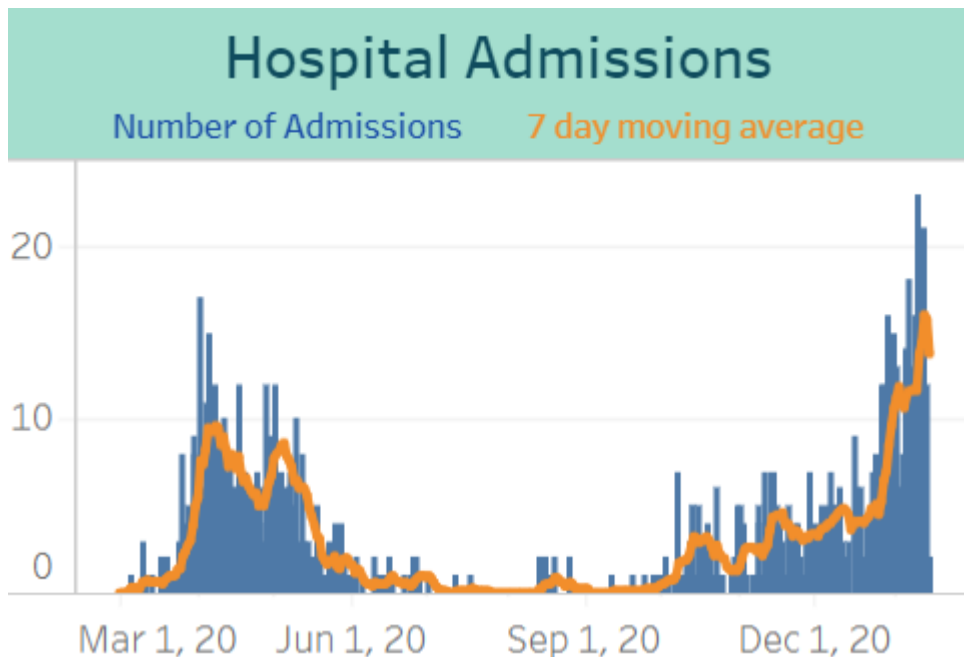
COVID continues to be widely dispersed in all communities.

Test positivity remains high in the community at 13.89% (pillar 2 tests) and less than a third of cases can be linked to a known event or outbreak.



Pressure on health services is continuing to grow.

Right now we are seeing an average of 14 daily COVID admissions compared to 10 in the busiest period of 2019. Hospital occupancy is 47% higher now than it was in the spring. Combining the complex needs of medical emergencies and COVID patients, our acute hospital has been coping typically with occupancy levels between 88-92% for many weeks. The challenges continue with high occupancy in community hospitals and care homes, and staff absence due to COVID isolation.



Key messages

This week we saw a further tightening of restrictions and closing a number of loopholes. This is very welcome and will enable people to work within the spirit and not just the letter of the law. Grampian is forging ahead well with the vaccination programme and today we heard the announcement of asymptomatic community testing with Grampian Local Authorities being the first to implement targeted testing. Our hospital admissions continue to rise as predicted. Our services are coping but are under severe strain and the next few weeks will be tough.

During this fragile and uncertain period, we know that public health actions really do make a difference. You may have saved the life of someone you do not even know by washing your hands, wearing a face covering, keeping your distance on essential errands and limiting your contact with people outside of your own household.

Thank you for your continued support as ambassadors and role models in keeping our population protected.

