

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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While we have seen real progress in recent weeks in the fight against COVID-19, the clusters breaking out across the country are a sharp reminder that the threat is still very much with us.

Outbreaks continue to be managed by our Test & Protect Team and I would once again like to thank each of the dedicated professionals involved in this crucial work. The success rates of contact tracing being reported are significant and this level of achievement is contributing greatly to our safety.

Testing will also be of vital importance as we remobilise our services and as we proceed I am acutely aware that this provides a challenge for our organisation. But, this is a challenge we can and will rise to by continuing to work together and by following the guidance around social distancing and for those who are able, wearing face coverings in the public areas of all of our sites.

As you will have seen from media reports this week, a number of schools in our region have identified cases of COVID. Given that many of you will have seen family members return to full time education this week, I would like to reassure you that our Test and Protect team are doing everything possible to support the schools affected and to continue to work alongside our Scottish Government and Local Authority colleagues to support the families who have been affected.

We have also commenced a [daily test and protect update](#), which will inform you, our stakeholders and members of the public about the ongoing contact tracing work being carried out in schools. We hope this will help to provide reassurance and clarity in this area.

As ever, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

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