Important Information

Important new information

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon has announced that Scotland has moved into the “delay” phase of the COVID19 response.

The advice remains not to shut schools, colleges and universities, but this will be under constant review.

The Scottish Government has also advised that mass gatherings should not go ahead from Monday next week to protect frontline emergency services, minimise the impact on the NHS and protect the most vulnerable.

From tomorrow (13/3) people with symptoms indicative of COVID19 will be asked to stay at home for seven days. Those symptoms are a dry cough or fever.

NHS Lothian has stepped up the response and is reviewing a number of areas to ensure that the system is prepared to meet the challenges in the days, weeks and months ahead.

This work is looking across the acute and primary care sectors and includes issues, such as increasing capacity, workforce, staff support, sufficient supplies and clinical pathways.

More national guidance, particularly around workforce, is expected imminently.

Statistics as at 0900 12 March 2020

- There have now been 60 cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Scotland - a rise of 24 from Wednesday.

- This brings the total number of cases in the UK to 590

Important Reminders

Please refer to these website for the latest guidance and information:
Health Protection Scotland Covid-19
This includes guidance documents for clinicians, advice for staff in other settings, etc
https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/wuhan-novel-coronavirus/#news

HPS Travel Guidance
https://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/web-resources-container/covid-19-risk-areas/#cat1

World Health Organisation Covid-19
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

UK Government Covid-19 Action Plan

Scottish Government: Coronavirus in Scotland