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**COVID-19 - SITUATIONAL REPORT  
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New information in **RED**

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Information correct as of 1900 hrs on **09 March 2020**

Fuel – also applies to gas and electricity

# Headline Issues

## New Developments

- Protocol for move from contain to delay agreed in draft form on a four nations basis
- There is currently no scientific grounds to move away from containment efforts confirmed across the four nations in the COBRA (M) call today.

## Detailed Overview

### Case numbers

#### 23 confirmed cases

- 1 Tayside
- 1 Ayrshire and Arran
- 2 Forth Valley
- 3 Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- 4 Grampian
- 2 Fife
- 5 Lothian
- 3 Lanarkshire
- 2 Shetland

### Public Protection Measures (under consideration but not yet implemented)

- Home Isolation for 7 days of “symptomatic” cases
- Whole household isolation for 14 days where anyone living in that household is symptomatic. This option is being further modelled before a decision can be made.
- Social distancing for elderly or vulnerable groups currently being considered

## Health Response

- 23 presumed positive cases for Covid-19. There are 1 in Tayside, 1 in Ayrshire and Arran, 2 in Forth Valley, 3 in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, 4 in Grampian, 2 in Fife and 5 in Lothian and 3 in Lanarkshire and 2 in Shetland. Recent cases are associated to the Nike conference or travel associated to Italy and Ireland.
- Enhanced Surveillance for COVID-19 is being rolled out in three phases to provide information and early warning about spread of disease in community and hospital settings.
- Phase 1 - from lunchtime on Thursday (27<sup>th</sup>) 41 sentinel GP practices in Scotland began taking samples from people with flu like symptoms for coronavirus testing at the Glasgow laboratory.
- Phase 2 is being rolled and extends testing for coronavirus to patients on Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and those in Intensive care units.
- Phase 3 includes all hospitalised patients with relevant symptomology, Health Protection Scotland and diagnostic laboratories are in discussion about the timeline for rolling out phase 3. This commenced with NHS GGC testing all hospital samples from patients with respiratory problems after Monday 2nd March.

# Scottish Headline Issues

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# Community Cohesion

## Hate Crimes

- A small number of reported incidents of hate crime/hate incidents against Chinese, Japanese or S.E Asian heritage communities have occurred in Scotland, but there is no emerging pattern or significant increase in volume in relation to hate crimes linked to Coronavirus. Connected Communities will continue to engage closely with Police Scotland, who are monitoring the situation, to consider any change in pattern, adverse response or emerging community tensions.

# Education

## Higher and Further Education Issues

### **Immediate**

- Exams – some exams will start at the 16 March (OU) but the main exam period starts late April through to mid-June. Contingencies being considered but impact may be significant.
- Overseas trips - A number of institutions have planned overseas trips and/or students currently abroad. All are being reviewed including a Creative Industries trip from Edinburgh College to Italy in April. City of Glasgow College has cancelled all outward travel till further notice.

### **Finance and General Issues:**

- Supplies - Several institutions have issues with hygiene supplies and ability to deliver deep cleaning if required.

### **Immediate**

- There are no reported confirmed cases of infection in Scotland in schools or early learning and childcare settings.

## Economy & Business

- Ms Hyslop will meet STUC and Group of 6 (main business organisation) on 11 March at 3 pm. The meeting aims to develop and maintain a shared understanding of the impacts on the Scottish economy, explore what more can be done to support businesses. It will also consider how we can help workers affected by the various impacts of the virus on the workplace and wider economy, including through employers taking a fair and flexible approach to treatment of staff members and how to ensure appropriate advice on their rights.



## Resilience Partnerships

- Resilience Partnerships meet routinely. Planning and Preparedness for Covid – 19 is discussed at these meetings.
- Scottish Resilience Partnership Sub-Group has been convened for Covid-19

# Transport

- Transport Scotland and HPS met on 9 March to discuss request for appropriate medical facilities at airports.

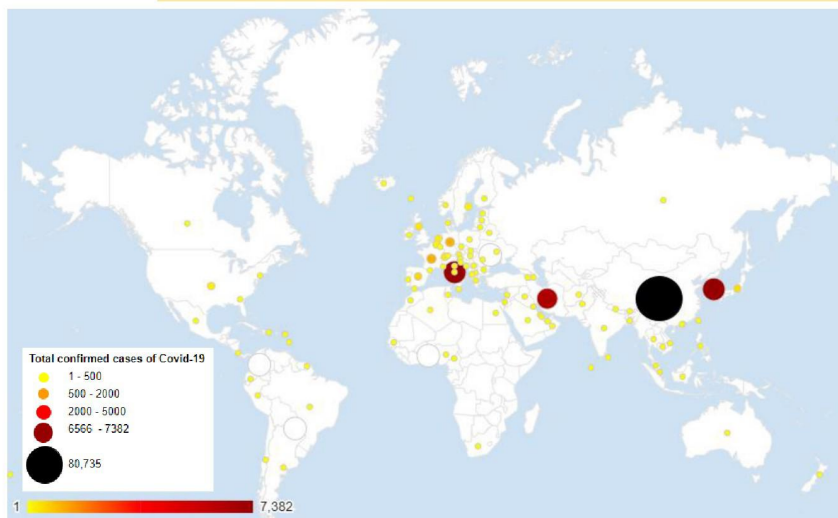
The advice from HPS is below and TS will follow up with the airports.

- These should be proportionate to the size of airport.
  - A room which provides privacy, the ability to carry out an health assessment, ideally lockable so forms and other necessary equipment can be left/stored.
  - Must have access to a toilet and running water.
  - Airports must have a plan which enables Port Health to be informed and involved.
- Public Transport Sanitisation. A number of queries being received from elected members and media about Public Transport Sanitisation.
- HPS not aware of any general guidance to transport operators on day-to-day cleaning. TS has also queried DfT on this point.
  - HPS not aware of any potential measures that might need adopted by public transport companies.

## Communications

- First Minister, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, and Deputy Chief Medical Officer held a media briefing today, 9 March
- It was agreed at the SGoR(Ministerial) meeting today, 9 March that the frequency of Press briefings was to increase.
- Cabinet Secretary for Health will consider content of statement tomorrow to set up for any announcement coming out of COBR(M) later in week.

# Confirmed Cases



## Key Trends

- Italy: 1,492 new cases – a large day-on-day increase.
- Iran: 743 new cases – another large day-on-day increase
- Other instances of significant increases in the cases reported in European nations such as France, Germany and Spain.