

# COVID-19

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  - [Highland Trading standards advice and guidance on COVID-19 and scams](#)
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- [Calls continue to come in to Council’s Covid-19 helpline](#)
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- [Business Grant Payments pass 1000 mark](#)
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- [Highland Council prepares for phased return to new normal](#)
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- [Highland Council awarded over £750,000 to roll out network of safe walking and cycling routes in response to Coronavirus pandemic](#)
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- [Highland Council delivering safe walking and cycling routes in response to Coronavirus pandemic](#)
- [Works at two of Skye's most iconic tourist sites to restart after lockdown easing](#)
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- [Recovery Board chair responds to high level of workers furloughed in Highland](#)
- [Highland Council House Building Programme to resume](#)  
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- [Highland Council sets out careful and gradual approach on schools' return to education and learning](#)
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- [Council reaches out to accommodation providers to help tackle COVID-19 homelessness](#)
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- [Council launches Business Guide to support economic recovery in Highland](#)
- [Spaces for People: Making essential travel and exercise safer during Covid -19](#)
- [Highland Council Chair reacts to Education Announcement](#)
- [Council Leader ready to welcome tourists back to the Highlands next month](#)
- [Action plan sets out priorities for recovery](#)
- [Birth Registration services resuming from Monday](#)
- [Learning During Lockdown II - the pupil's perspective](#)
- [Highland businesses urged to apply for support before Covid-19 grant scheme closes](#)

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- [Highland Council plans for return to education and learning](#)
- [Supporting the Tourism Industry](#)
- [Highland play parks to re-open gradually](#)
- [Committee focuses on Covid-19 actions taken in Caithness](#)
- [Council relaxes some controls for COVID-19 business recovery](#)
- [The Highland Council is updating parents and carers of its position on early learning and childcare \(ELC\)](#)
- [Badenoch and Strathspey Councillors updated on COVID-19 response in first virtual committee](#)
- [Council and outstanding local community response to Covid-19 is highlighted at Black Isle, Dingwall and Seaforth Committee](#)
- [Phased return of Council wide parking operations continue](#)
- [Castle Street one-way system to be implemented to support recovery of Inverness city centre](#)
- [Highland Council's Employability Provision Rapidly Adapts During Covid 19 Lock Down](#)
- [Partners keep businesses and people safe in Inverness city centre](#)
- [Councillors commend move towards 'real-time' scrutiny of COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan](#)
- [Highland Council's investment to provide quality affordable housing continues as contractors start back on site](#)
- [Capital works in Council homes to restart](#)
- [Council's Bulky Uplift Service to restart](#)

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- [More materials to be accepted at Household Waste Recycling Centres](#)
- ['Remarkable' survey response highlights 'exemplary' Council staff response to COVID-19](#)
- [Council calls on new parents to register lockdown births](#)
- [City Committee discusses preparations to welcome Inverness pupils back to school](#)
- [Recovery and work of responders highlighted at Inverness Committee](#)
- [Highland Council reacts to First Minister's education announcement](#)



- [Move towards a more sustainable delivery of humanitarian assistance proposed as Highland navigates COVID-19 recovery phase](#)
- [Video explains impact of Covid-19 on the Council budget](#)
- [Council reminder to communities that the service point network remains closed](#)
- [Highland Council's emergency keyworker childcare hubs to cease as education settings reopen in August](#)

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- [Return to education update at Highland Council Recovery Board](#)
- [Gym and swim added to highlife booking system](#)
- [Recovery Board Chair Welcomes High Life Highland Bounceback Campaign](#)
- [Action to improve Digital connectivity progresses](#)
- [Council Urges Government To Provide Covid Funding Clarity](#)
- [Highland Council first off the blocks for public transport priority](#)
- [Easter Ross Area Committee Chair praises local community for its response to COVID-19](#)
- [More waste materials to be accepted as Highland Waste Recycling Centres reopen to vans and trailers](#)
- [Committee examines measures in place to manage revenue budget shortfall and thanks staff for their Covid-19 response](#)
- [Confirmed case of Covid-19 in Dalneigh Primary School](#)
- [Covid cancels Kirking of the Council](#)
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- [Remaining schools to reopen before the end of the week](#)  
[Council Leader praises work in reopening schools across Highland](#)
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- [Buses get in gear for return of schools](#)
- [Public encouraged to protect themselves and others from Covid](#)
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- [Highland Council's Education Improvement Team \(EIT\) receives positive feedback from Education Scotland](#)
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- [Motion approved calling on Scottish Government support to tackle 'uncontrolled camping'](#)
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- [Highland Council reminder - No Change To Funeral Restrictions - Max 20 Attendees To Continue](#)

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- [Confirmed case of Covid19 in a school pupil at Millburn Academy, Inverness.](#)
- [Victorian Market, Inverness - temporary closure](#)
- [Highland Council Seeking Views on Growing Our Future](#)
- [Highland Council's Welfare team supports Skye and Lochalsh foodbank](#)
- [Virtual education in Highland – Supportive, Interactive, Engaging.](#)
- [School access offers support to young people](#)
- [City Centre Businesses invited to give feedback on Spaces for People interventions](#)
- [Fingal Centre in Skye is HLH's latest location to bounceback](#)

- [COVID response in Nairnshire praised by Area Committee Members](#)
- [High Life Highland swimming provision bounces back](#)
- [Council backs Skye ward members seeking long term sustainable future for Home Farm funding](#)
- [Council agrees urgent motion calling for local Covid-19 information sharing](#)
- [Recovery work discussed at Council](#)
- [Council facilities staff thanked for going 'above and beyond' in reopening schools](#)
- [Highland Council confirms Council house building targets will be met despite Covid-19 lockdown](#)
- [Smithton Primary Head Teacher voted a Lockdown Legend](#)
- [Highland Council welcomes NHS Highland step towards purchase of Home Farm Care Home](#)
- [Highland Council response to increase of Covid-19 in Grantown](#)
- [Increase of Covid-19 in Grantown](#)
- [Isle of Skye and Raasay Area Committee members reassured by ongoing work to develop funding streams for investment](#)
- [Birdseye view across Inverness city to reopen](#)

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- [Call for urgent sick pay reform receives backing of Highland Council](#)
- [Council's response to Scottish Government's Covid 19 Strategic Framework](#)
- [Special meeting of The Highland Council](#)
- [First Business Hardship Funds paid out to Highland businesses](#)

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- [Council consulted on five level Covid protection system](#)
- [Free school meals for October and up to Easter holidays for eligible pupils](#)
- [New Uk Government Walk-Through Covid Testing Site Opens In Inverness Highland Council supports help from the Financial Ombudsman Service for small business affected by Covid 19](#)
- [Council invites people in Highland to 'Remember at Home.'](#)
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- [Public Health update welcomed by Highland Councillors](#)
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- [Scotland's fire service warns of firework dangers in wake of COVID cancellations](#)
- [Virtual Highland Climate Change Conference to be held in early November](#)
- [Covid-19 Self-Isolation Support Grants](#)
- [Council issues reminder on how to get support](#)
- [Council highlights new requirements and provides advice and support following further Covid restrictions on the hospitality industry](#)
- [Confirmed case of Covid19 at Nairn Academy](#)
- [The Highland Council supports Challenge Poverty Week](#)
- [Chair of Education and Leader thank school communities and staff](#)
- [Highland Council response to First Minister's 7 October Coronavirus \(COVID19\) update](#)
- [Board reviews Council's Recovery Action Plan](#)
- [Council's Board welcomes pro-active approach to support Highland COVID recovery](#)
- [Recovery Board highlights Council's commitment to addressing Climate change](#)

- [Highland Council's Recovery Board discusses on-going work to prepare for Brexit](#)
- [Highland pupils, eligible for free school meals, to receive vouchers if they are asked to self-isolate](#)
- [COVID appeal from Public Health](#)
- [Highland Council response to increase of Covid-19 in Fort William area](#)
- [Highland Council by-election postponed](#)
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- [Confirmed case of Covid19 at Culloden Academy, Inverness.](#)
- [Members agree to distribution of funding for counselling, additional teacher resource and digital inclusion in Highland schools](#)

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- [Highland Council unveils new temporary active travel measures for Castle Road, Inverness](#)
- [Bids welcome from Badenoch and Strathspey projects for Town Centre Fund investment](#)
- [Highland Council Ensures No Child Goes Hungry at School](#)
- [Council team praised for excellent work in processing Scottish Welfare Fund applications](#)
- [Proposals to devolve decisions on play parks and more flexible funding to support localities with their priorities](#)
- [Chair of Highland Council's Brexit Working Group urges businesses to make use of upcoming webinars in readiness](#)
- [Councillors commend humanitarian and welfare response to COVID-19](#)
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- [Council and High Life Highland partnership working acknowledged during pandemic](#)
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- [Chair of Council's Education Committee thanks NHS Highland's Director of Public Health for Covid-19 presentation](#)
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- [Help us to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our communities](#)
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- [Assurance for Highland Care Homes welcomed](#)
- [Leader discusses impact of Covid Strategic Framework on Highland](#)
- [North Coast 500 business group plan road to recovery for North Highland tourism](#)
- [Council encourages staff to be aware of stress and its potential impact at work](#)
- [Highland Council continues to respond to COVID-19 in the Greater Fort William area](#)
- [Mental health funding announcement for children and young people welcomed by Committee Chairs](#)
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- [Council Leader reminds everyone to remain vigilant as case numbers rise](#)
- [Helpful start to 2021 for Highland pupils](#)
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- [Advice for Holiday Accommodation in Level 4 COVID Protection Area](#)
- [Highland Council urging all businesses to be aware of what Level 4 restrictions mean for them](#)
- [Highland Council successfully makes more than 4,500 payments to benefit local children over the festive school break](#)
- [Public urged to remain vigilant for virus symptoms](#)
- [Highland Violence against Women Partnership recognises festive period can be even harder for those who suffer domestic abuse](#)
- [Highland Council employee among recipients of Inverness City Centre Heroes Award](#)

- [Council reminder that all civic Hogmanay events are cancelled](#)
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- [Highland schools set to deliver COVID themed education package to primary children](#)
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- [Families on low incomes in receipt of free school meals will get a COVID winter hardship payment from Scottish Government](#)
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- [Two primaries at Dornoch Firth 3-18 Campus to receive prestigious Unicef UK Award](#)
- [Leader of Highland Council asks Scottish Government to reconsider restrictions on household visits in Highland](#)
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- [Leader of the Council welcomes announcement on extension of Self-Isolation Support Grant](#)
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- [Financial impact of COVID-19 in Highland: Local communities continue to face unprecedented increase in Universal Credit take-up](#)
- [Committee gives green light to new Covid Discretionary Grant Scheme](#)
- [Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee members agree motion to recognise effort of Highland Council staff during COVID pandemic](#)
- [Members at Badenoch and Strathspey Area Committee recognise work of Business Gateway through COVID pandemic](#)

- [Ongoing rollout of Early Learning and Childcare \(ELC\) 1140 hours](#)
- [Short, medium and long term action plan agreed at Education Committee](#)
- [Preparation continues for phased return of Highland pupils](#)
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- [Final phase of Inverness West Link project on track for April 2021 completion](#)
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- [Comhairlichean a' cur fàilte air ath-sgrùdadh is taic-ionnsachaidh Gàidhlig](#)
- [Councillors approve sale of former primary school to Men's Shed group](#)
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- [Partnership Approach Provides Food Support for Highland Households](#)
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- [Partnership approach delivers vaccines in Highland by 'Jabbernaut'](#)

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- [£1.5m tourism investment at heart of Highland's budget proposals for Recovery, Health and Prosperity](#)
- [Ambitious plans for Youth Employment and Apprenticeships outlined in The Highland Council Revenue Budget](#)
- [Education Chair welcomes return of more pupils to Highland school settings](#)
- [Highland Council agrees a budget for Recovery, Health and Prosperity](#)
- [£1.5m tourism investment gets the green light in Highland's budget proposals for Recovery, Health and Prosperity](#)
- [Success for Highland Apprentice during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
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- [Environmental Health call for all new food businesses to be registered](#)

- [Highland Council gives its backing to the Young Person's Guarantee](#)
- [Highland Council to save more than £18m through its ambitious transformation programme](#)
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- [Tenant engagement and welfare takes focus for Housing staff in second lockdown](#)
- [Progress to Education and Property projects noted at Housing and Property Committee](#)
- [Holding out for a HERO - employer grant to help businesses recruit staff](#)
- [Grant Scheme for B&B's and Self-Catering who pay Council Tax](#)
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- [Closing Date set for Strategic Framework Business Fund applications](#)
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- [This Easter – Stay Local](#)
- [Members give backing to ambitious proposal for hydrogen economy in Highland](#)
- [The Highland capital is preparing to welcome people back at the end of the month](#)
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- [Highland Council has appointed four dedicated COVID Compliance Officers](#)

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- [Asymptomatic Testing available in Merkinch as area sees rise in COVID cases](#)
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- [Agencies urge public to plan ahead before travelling](#)
- [Highland sets its sights on multi-million pound transport investment](#)
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- [Inverness Common Good Fund 'current' tenancies model agreed](#)
- [Caithness Committee Members approve £310,848 for twelve projects](#)
- [Inverness Leisure to become COVID-safe count centre](#)
- [Updated guidance for Close Contact Services and resources for re-opening of businesses](#)
- [Wester Ross projects to benefit from Highland Coastal Communities Fund](#)

- [COVID-safe election requires 3 count centres for Highlands and Islands](#)

[Almost £10,000 HCCF grants approved by Black Isle, Dingwall & Seaforth Committee](#)

- [Highland Council and partners keeping businesses and people safe in the Highlands](#)
- [Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2021 gu bhith eadar-dhealaichte!](#)
- [Highland Council warns businesses to beware of COVID-19 air purifier device scam](#)
- [Elite athletes elect to keep training during parliamentary count](#)
- [Highland Council seeks bids for the UK Community Renewal Fund](#)

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- [Regeneration Capital Grant Fund open for applications in the Highlands](#)
- [Youngsters from the Highlands bloom in pocket garden challenge](#)
- [Group of arts organisations receive £300K funding to help shape future cultural life in Highlands](#)
- [New signposting service launched during Mental Health Awareness Week 2021](#)
- [The deadline for bids to the UK Community Renewal Fund is approaching](#)
- [New recruits from secondary schools and further education play their part in the Scottish Parliament election within Highland](#)
- [Highland Registrars continue to rise to the COVID-19 challenge and are maintaining quality services](#)
- [Public toilets and litter bins a top priority for Highland visitor management](#)
- [New welfare guide from Highland Council published](#)
- [Highland Council Area Committees to be made available on YouTube](#)

- [Cuach na Cloinne 2021 air loidhne](#)
- [Naidheachdan matha airson na Gàidhlig air am moladh le Comataidh Gàidhlig na Comhairle](#)

- [Deadline approaches to submit applications for the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund](#)
- [Lead Mental Health Officer to co-ordinate 'whole system approach' for emerging strategy for mental health services for children and young people in the Highlands](#)
- [New voluntary parking charges trial in Nairn to support local infrastructure](#)
- [Committee updated on work being undertaken to produce 20/21 Local Child Poverty Action Update Report](#)
- [Summer of Hope for Highland children and young people](#)
- [Video highlights Highland young people's participation in recent Scottish Parliamentary Election](#)
- [Highland Virtual Academy's success and next steps](#)
- [Education Chair praises and thanks school staff at Education Committee](#)
- [Easter Ross Committee awards funds towards play parks and Cromarty-Nigg ferry initiatives](#)
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- [Funding approval helps keep city play areas open](#)
- [Over £100K Inverness Common Good Funds awarded](#)
- [City centre visitors set to benefit from 1 hour free parking at Inverness Rose Street multi-storey car park during June, July and August](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Portree](#)
- [Environmental Health in Skye and Raasay](#)

#### **June 2021:**

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- [Àirigh – Motorhome stopover sites possible in Highland](#)
- [Highland Council welcomes today's announcement from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing continues to be available in Aviemore](#)
- [Additional financial support now available as part of the Taxi Driver and Operator Grant Scheme](#)
- [HRH The Princess Royal officially opens Alness Academy](#)

- [Council continues work to tackle homelessness](#)
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- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Alness and Invergordon](#)
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- [Highland Council submits Levelling Up and Community Renewal Fund Bids](#)
- [For Kids' Sake... Child protection campaign urges everyone to be alert for signs of abuse or neglect](#)
- [£9m contract awarded for major new development on Inverness Campus](#)
- [Ullapool Primary School pocket garden wins special commendation](#)
- [COVID-19 update](#)
- [Old Farmer's Showfield in Nairn to benefit from Covid-19 Ward Discretionary funding](#)
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- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Inverness, Tain and Dornoch](#)
- [When nature calls in the outdoors...Bag It, Bin It!](#)



- [800,000 tax relief claims for working from home](#)

## **July 2021:**

- [Community Testing Programme's Mobile Covid Clinics continue rapid COVID19 testing across Highlands](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Inverness and Aviemore](#)
- [Drop-in vaccination clinics for first dose available in Inverness and Wick](#)
- [Book now for Summer of Hope programme](#)
- [Financial assistance still available as part of the Taxi and Private Hire Operator Grant Scheme](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing continues in Inverness and Aviemore](#)
- [Fèis na h-Òige cruinn còmhla a-rithist](#)
- [Hanging Baskets return to brighten up city centre](#)
- [The Highland Council launches welcoming motorhome and campervan guidance for visitors](#)
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[Music tuition fees to be waived in next school year](#)

[Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness Fairways](#)

[Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Fort William and Inverness Fairways](#)

- [Extra time to comment on proposed Inshes Corridor improvements](#)
- [New City events group agree attendee safety as top priority](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Portree and Dornoch](#)

### **August 2021:**

- [Soft Play Top-up Grant](#)
- [Free school meals for all P1-P4 pupils](#)
- [Nairnshire welcomes the return of the popular Funfair](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness West and Nairn](#)
- [Piping Inverness scheduled to make return to Highland capital in Summer 2022](#)

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- [Badenoch & Strathspey Members prioritise housing need & supporting business with place-based funding](#)
- [Lochaber Area Committee award funds towards play provision, mental wellbeing & community hub projects in Fort William & Ardnamurchan](#)
- [SQA Results 2021 – positive results for Highland’s young people](#)
- [Arrangements in place at all by-election polling stations](#)
- [Samhradh an Dòchais – Prògram Chleasan Samhraidh tron Ghàidhlig](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Dingwall](#)
- [Caithness members agree allocation of Place-Based Investment Fund to address local Covid-harms within Ward 2 and Ward 3](#)
- [£100,000 of funding for Sutherland playparks and mental well-being](#)
- [Back to school 2021](#)
- [Board set to be updated on Council’s Recovery Action Plan and Improvement & Transformation Programme](#)
- [£100,000 of funding to benefit Covid recovery across Wester Ross ward](#)

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- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Golspie](#)

[Runners off to flying start as Inverness 'parkrun' opens](#)

[First post-lockdown Town House event strikes a chord](#)

[Vigilance urged as schools feel impact of COVID increase](#)

- [Diligent work of Highland Council's Welfare Support Team praised by members](#)
- [Localised COVID-19 outbreaks affecting many schools across Highland](#)
- [Funding helps Inverness communities access outdoors](#)
- [Spaces for people – Inverness](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Grantown-on-Spey](#)
- [Emergency Services workers to be acknowledged on 999Day](#)
- [Skye and Raasay Future – Investment for People and Place](#)

## **September 2021:**

- [Leader concerned at rise of Covid-19 cases in Highland](#)
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- [Highland Council Rural Housing Supplementary Guidance](#)
- [Area-based approach to Place Based Investment Programme agreed](#)

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- [Century since British Cabinet met in Inverness](#)
- [Kirking of the Council cancelled](#)
- [Taisbeanadh Gàidhlig aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail 2021 ann an Inbhir Nis](#)
- [Gorthleck Village Improvement Scheme - Public Forum Cancelled](#)
- [Summer of Hope programme a hit with pupils and parents](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness East](#)
- [Leader responds to COSLA financial briefing](#)
- [Focus on healthy bodies and minds for Highland pupils](#)
- [Gaelic Classes Inverness/Nairn/Fort William](#)
- [Highland Council highlights World Suicide Prevention Day](#)
- [Community groups encouraged to apply for Covid funding boost](#)
- [Public Health advice in schools](#)
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[Best Value Assurance Report \(BVAR\) Improvement Plan progressing well](#)

[World Suicide Prevention Day 2021](#)

[Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness East and Muir of Ord](#)

- [Public safety paramount for city events programme](#)
- [Nairnshire members agree allocation of Place-Based Investment Fund to address local Covid-harms within Ward 18, Nairn and Cawdor](#)
- ['Highlife Wildlife' Online Schools Week](#)
- [Council's ambitious digital learning estate continues to support education in Highland](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness and Alness](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness and Aviemore](#)
- [Highland Council Leader to meet potential investors](#)

- [The Highland Council successfully awarded Rural Tourism Infrastructure Funding](#)
- [Outdoor choir performance to round off Inverness' Royal National Mòd 2021 in style](#)

### **October 2021:**

- [Council's Housing Annual Assurance Statement Approved](#)
- [Positive feedback from Highland tenants](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness West and Fort William](#)
- [Highland Coastal Communities Fund support for Strategic projects](#)
- [Seiseanan Seòlaidh tro Mheadhan na Gàidhlig](#)
- [Highland Council supports World Mental Health Day](#)
- [Challenge Poverty Week 2021](#)
- [World Mental Health Day 2021](#)
- [Highland Council unveils major new public artwork for Scotland in Inverness](#)



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- [Wellbeing packs to support young people in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic have been given to pupils in Inverness](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness East and West](#)
- [Am Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail a' soillseachadh solas air na Gàidheil òga](#)

- [Are you due a cash refund? – Consumer Government Watchdog Groupon Ruling](#)
- [Sgioba na Gàidhlig a’ foillseachadh bhidio a’ cur fàilte air Mòd 2021 a dh’Inbhir Nis/Gaelic Team unveils video welcoming the 2021 Mod to Inverness](#)
- [A’ chlann aig teis-meadhan chùisean an-diugh aig a’ Mhòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail](#)
- [Former “Caithness Horizons” facility set to relaunch as the North Coast Visitor Centre from November 2021](#)
- [Seinneadairean a’ toirt dhachaigh buinn òir, taisbeanadh Clàrsaich agus Còisirean Gàidhlig a’ tighinn còmhla a’ seinn](#)
- [Toradh òir do sheinneadairean aig Fàilte-Dhachaigh Ghàidhealach a’ Mhòid Nàiseanta Rìoghail](#)
- [City Fireworks 2021 will go with a bang](#)
- [External audit recognises good progress](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Wick](#)
- [Council approves medium term financial planning approach](#)

- [Success for Highland Council Levelling Up Fund bid](#)
- [Council's 'Positive progress' recognised in external audit](#)
- ["BOOtanics" adds extra date due to popular demand](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness Fairways](#)

### **November 2021:**

- [City Fireworks 2021 will go with a bang](#)
- [Avoch Primary School – temporary pause on lets and non-essential activity](#)
- [Funding secure for 30 new third sector jobs in Highland](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness Retail Park](#)
- [Lochaber Area Committee place based funds for ward 11 Caol and Mallaig agreed](#)
- [New Connections mental wellbeing project awarded place based investment funds](#)
- [Committee allocates funding for play parks](#)

- [Good progress being made on Badenoch and Strathspey roads and additional investment welcomed](#)
- [Badenoch and Strathspey Members agree proposals for new Community Challenge Fund](#)
- [Bridge Street/Castle Street/Castle Road in Inverness are reverting to 2-Way](#)
- [Environmental Health work commended during 'challenging year'](#)
- [£219,000 renewal funds agreed for local play parks](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available at Inverness and Caol](#)
- [Black Isle Committee Members green light Place Based Investment Funding for four local projects](#)
- [Council Leader & Deputy Leader join COSLA calls for Scottish Government to reverse historical cuts](#)
- [Tenant Grant Fund - support for tenants with COVID-19 rent arrears](#)
- [Easter Ross Area Committee Members rubber stamp funding for new Saltburn play area](#)
- [Easter Ross Area Committee members approve investment in Seaboard Memorial Hall in Balintore](#)

- [Inner Moray Firth strategy for new development takes another step forward](#)
- [Over £93K Inverness Common Good Funds awarded](#)
- [Place Based Investment funding approved for two Inverness projects](#)
- [Groups in Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh wards invited to apply for financial COVID booster](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Aviemore](#)
- [Positive attainment outcomes for Highland](#)
- [Place Based Investment funding approved for Sutherland projects](#)
- [Information on new Business Ventilation Grant Scheme](#)
- [Highland Violence Against Women Partnership urges communities to stand against gender-based violence](#)
- [Council's Revenues & Business Support section praised as Accounts Commission report is published](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 community testing available in Fort William](#)

- [Place Based Funds agreed by the Isle of Skye and Raasay Area Committee](#)

**December 2021:**

- [Festive Fun in City Park](#)

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[Significant outbreak of COVID-19 linked to event in Nairn](#)

[Council to be presented with Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020/21](#)

- [Council agrees to appoint three Older People's Champions across Highland](#)
- [Chief Social Work Officer Report for 2020/21 receives praise from Elected Members](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Opportunities in Inverness, Nairn and Dingwall \(UPDATED LOCATIONS\)](#)
- [Council remains committed to capital housing programme despite COVID pandemic](#)
- [Housing and Property Committee Members Approve Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan](#)
- [Adhartas ga Dhèanamh air a' Phlana Ghàidhlig](#)
- [A' Ghàidhealtachd neo-àbhaisteach ann am Foghlam Gàidhlig le àireamhan sgoilearan a' dol am meud](#)

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- [Virtual activities showcase careers in coding](#)
- [Hospitality Business Support Top-Up Grant Scheme](#)  
[Supporting COSLA's case for better financial settlement](#)  
  
[One way with cycle contraflow - Inverness](#)
- [Huge success of HERO scheme in Highland](#)
- [Communities encouraged to apply for Place Based Investment Programme support](#)

## **Media Releases - 2022**

### **January 2022:**

- [Most challenging COVID weeks ahead could impact on Council services](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 LFD testing available in Inverness Retail Park](#)
- [Highland hospitality businesses invited to apply for funding](#)



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- [Pop-up LFD collection points across the Highlands](#)
- [Rapid COVID-19 LFD testing available in Telford Retail Park](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 31 January to 4 February](#)

#### **February 2022:**

- [Committee thanks staff for Covid grant support work](#)  
[Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 7 February to 11 February](#)  
[Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 14 February to 18 February](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 21 February to 25 February](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 28 February to 4 March](#)

#### **March 2022:**

- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 7 March to 11 March](#)

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- [COVID Discretionary Business Grant Scheme opens for applications](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 14 March to 18 March](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 21 March to 25 March](#)
- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 28 March to 1 April](#)

**April 2022:**

- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 4 April to 8 April](#)
- [Council recognises staff achievements throughout the pandemic](#)
- [Highland communities get behind Stress Awareness Month](#)

[Highland Council Trading Standards Warns Of Scam 'TestNTrace' Text Messages](#)

- [Pop-up LFD Collection Points in Highlands – 11 April to 14 April](#)

**May 2022:**

- [End of relaxation to temporary structures & uses during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

**June 2022:**

- [Looking back at The Highland Council and NHS Highland's Community Testing Programme](#)

**November 2022:**

- [Full assurance for Council's COVID Welfare Support Scheme](#)

**Videos:**

- Summer of Hope - <https://youtu.be/OYhEdHYypRw>
- Summer Safety Measures - <https://youtu.be/ThaiMPgQ6vs>
- Take two tests every week - <https://youtu.be/gblkxG4c-mA>
- Lateral flow tests - <https://youtu.be/HagJUxrcapM>
- Covid Vaccine – Facts - <https://youtu.be/BpsIno5EE34>
- Covid Vaccine – Breastfeeding and Pregnancy - <https://youtu.be/8EpTaSHHUhM>
- Covid Vaccine – Dosage and appointments - [https://youtu.be/WpzT1J\\_0qPg](https://youtu.be/WpzT1J_0qPg)
- Covid Vaccine – Safety - [https://youtu.be/fVdf4s\\_SRnM](https://youtu.be/fVdf4s_SRnM)
- Impact of COVID 19 on Young people - <https://youtu.be/8FmFuhHjQcc>

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- Impact of COVID 19 – July update - <https://youtu.be/RVWtUcVLc6U>
- Back to School - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yr2GssmQ9s8>
- Learning During Lockdown II - [https://youtu.be/zbV5-3Lq\\_tE](https://youtu.be/zbV5-3Lq_tE)
- COVIDEOS - [https://youtu.be/uD\\_JL1DR58](https://youtu.be/uD_JL1DR58)
- Impact of COVID 19 on The Highland Council - <https://youtu.be/rTvDF-Z7Rjo>
- Council Chief praises staff on new normal - <https://youtu.be/ILYILkQ1UUI>  
(HIDDEN)
- Learning During Lockdown - <https://youtu.be/Fi4A6BYN71I>
- Message from Margaret Davidson – Easter - <https://youtu.be/r84YoFU2-U>
- Responding to coronavirus - [https://youtu.be/Cx3oUuP4\\_MI](https://youtu.be/Cx3oUuP4_MI)
- Coronavirus Advice - [https://youtu.be/4\\_2NTNvw86g](https://youtu.be/4_2NTNvw86g)

### **Community Testing Programme videos:**

- <https://youtu.be/Nbq3qTZGd0o>
- <https://youtu.be/-lImUk-T9g>
- <https://youtu.be/CkGksuoPDyM>
- [https://youtu.be/HB\\_uEJbobLs](https://youtu.be/HB_uEJbobLs)
- <https://youtu.be/o-uMOR6gvXA>