

Media Release

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Public Health provides more details on positive COVID-19 cases seen during pandemic

Public Health Services are today releasing more information on the 252 individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 this year. The first case of COVID-19 was confirmed on 9th March 2020 and the last positive case was on 30th April with no new cases identified since.

Of the 252 positive cases, 104 cases (41%) had an underlying condition / comorbidity, 120 (48%) cases did not, with the underlying health status of 28 cases (or 11%) unknown.

Between 1st March and 31st May there were 34 hospital admissions where the patient had tested positive for COVID-19. These admissions related to 28 individuals as six people were admitted twice. None of those admitted to hospital required intensive care treatment.

Of the 13 reported COVID-19 deaths which all occurred between 30th March 2020 and 14th April 2020, 5 were male and 8 female. All were over 80, with 6 deaths between 80-89 and 7 deaths over 90. 10 deaths occurred in residential / nursing homes or extra care housing with 3 occurring in hospital. At this stage, it is not possible to provide any further information on any underlying conditions or secondary causes of death as the clinical data has not been coded so as to allow analysis.

Dr Nicola Brink, Director of Public Health said

“We’ve always shared our data with Islanders, because it doesn’t belong to Public Health, it belongs to the whole community. Of course, we have to balance that against the privacy of individuals and their families, and we have to be sure the data is robust.

While we aren’t seeing new cases confirmed at the moment in the Bailiwick, we continue to look back at the positive COVID-19 cases we’ve seen and look at what more we can learn and what other information we can release publically. We are also constantly assessing new studies from around the world to improve our understanding of the virus.”

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