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Latest COVID-19 testing results

The COVID-19 testing results as at 12.00 hrs today 26 March 2020:

Total tests taken	Negative results	Positive results	Awaiting results
447	352	34	61

The positive results are a result of infections acquired in UK, France, Tenerife, Mainland Spain, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Jersey and Guernsey.

Dr Nicola Brink, Director of Public Heath said:

'Over the last 24 hours we have identified 11 new cases in total. At least two of these were identified through our contact tracing procedures. There are now at least three people who have acquired their infection in Guernsey. Of those, one has no links to other known cases.

The next 7 days will be critical as we determine if the cases introduced to Guernsey have resulted in secondary cases that have affected the more vulnerable in our community.'

Contact tracing is on-going for the contacts of the cases identified. This occurs on a daily basis and on into the evening. This is progressing well and at least two of the new cases were identified through the contact tracing process.

There are now in the region of 1,000 islanders in compulsory self-isolation, equating to 1,5% of the population.

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