



SCOTTISH COVID-19 INQUIRY

PRESENTATION ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF COVID-19 BY DR ASHLEY CROFT, CONSULTANT PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICIAN AND MEDICAL EPIDEMIOLOGIST – 26 and 27 July 2023

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How long will the presentation last?

All attendees should arrive by 9.45 am.

The presentation will begin at 10.00 am and run until approximately 4.00 pm each day.

There will be breaks during proceedings, including at lunchtime.

Can I bring someone with me?

Spaces can only be reserved for those who have requested to attend in advance. If you have not requested to attend in advance, please contact us contact@scottish-covid-19-inquiry.scot to enquire if we have any places available.

Where is the venue?

The presentation will take place in F20 Fulton Building, University of Dundee, Small's Lane, Dundee. [Fulton Building - F20 | University of Dundee](#)



How do I get to the venue?

Train – the Fulton Building is around a 15-minute walk from Dundee Railway Station.

Bus – the nearest bus stop (Brown Street) is a three-minute walk from the Fulton Building; the Airlie Street bus stop is a four-minute walk.

Is there parking at the venue?

There is a pay and display public car park at Hunter Street, approximately 200m away from the Fulton Building.

A limited number of accessible parking bays are available, on a first come first served basis, to Blue Badge holders in the University's Small's Lane car park adjacent to the Fulton Building. On-street Blue Badge parking bays are located on Small's Lane.

What should I do if I have accessibility needs?

If you have any accessibility needs, please contact us via email at contact@covid19inquiry.scot and a member of the team will be happy to help.

What will happen when I arrive at the presentation?

On arrival each day, you should present yourself at reception, where a member of the team will check your name against the list of registered attendees and issue a visitor pass.

You should display your pass at all times while attending the presentation and return it at the end of the day.

If the presentation room is not yet open, you will be directed to a waiting area.

Can I bring a bag?

For security reasons we advise that you do not bring a bag, though small bags (such as handbags and small backpacks) are allowed. Bags may be subject to search on arrival. There are no cloakroom facilities available at the venue and we recommend that you do not leave any personal belongings, papers or documents unattended anywhere in the venue. The Inquiry cannot guarantee the security of any personal items.

Can I take my phone into the presentation room?

Phones and electronic devices are allowed, though they should be on silent mode at all times while you are in the presentation room. You should not make or accept phone calls or take photographs, video or audio recordings in the presentation room.

The presentation should proceed without disruption or interruptions. Anyone attempting to disrupt the presentation may be required to leave the venue.

What happens if I arrive late for the presentation?

In the event you arrive late for the presentation, you will be allowed into the room at an appropriate break in proceedings.

Can I eat or drink in the presentation room?

Eating and drinking is not allowed in the presentation room.

Who will be in the presentation room?

As well as the Chair, counsel to the Inquiry and Dr Croft, there may be a variety of people present, including legal representatives, security staff, Inquiry staff, members of the public and journalists.

Can I attend without having registered in advance?

Space in the presentation room is limited and it is recommended that members of the public follow the presentation via a livestream on the Inquiry's [YouTube channel](#) if you are able to. Media representatives wishing to attend in person should contact media@covid19inquiry.scot

Anyone wishing to attend in person should request a seat in advance.

The Inquiry will have notified people by email who have been allocated a seat. If you have not already requested to attend, please contact us at contact@covid19inquiry.scot to enquire if we have any places available.

What COVID-19 measures are in place?

Hand sanitiser and disposable face coverings will be available for use by attendees.

Air conditioning is available in the room, and the room meets the standards for ventilation set out by the British Council for Offices (BCO).

Where can I purchase something to eat or drink?

Water is available within the reception area of the building.

There are no catering facilities in the building, though nearby Westport, Nethergate and surrounding areas have a good selection of shops and cafes.

The presentation is being live streamed. Will I be filmed?

Cameras will be located at the front of the room and facing to the front. While it is unlikely attendees will be filmed you should be aware that you might be captured occasionally on wide angle or room overview camera shots.

Where can I access a copy of Dr Croft's report?

Some parts of Dr Croft's report will be displayed on large screens in the room during the presentation. The full report and appendices have been published on the Inquiry's website and can be accessed [here](#)

Will there be opportunity for questions and interactions?

This presentation will not provide an opportunity for core participants to ask questions of Dr Croft, either directly or through Inquiry counsel, or to otherwise make statements.

I am not able to attend or watch the presentation on the day. Can I watch it later?

Yes, a video of each day of the presentation will be available on the Inquiry's [YouTube channel](#) for viewing on demand. The videos will be accessible via a link on the Inquiry's website.

How can I share my experience of COVID-19?

Let's Be Heard is the main channel for people who were affected by decisions made in Scotland from 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2022 to share their experiences of the pandemic and any lessons they believe should be learned.

Experiences shared with *Let's Be Heard* will help guide the Inquiry's investigations and inform its reports. This will include identifying any disproportionate or unequal impacts on particular groups or communities.

Further information on Let's Be Heard can be found at [Let's Be Heard | Sharing Scotland's COVID experience \(covid19inquiry.scot\)](https://www.covid19inquiry.scot.nhs.uk/let-s-be-heard)