

# Accuracy of coronavirus fatality stats vital

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The Scottish Conservatives have said the daily fatality statistics in relation to the coronavirus must be “robust and reliable”.

It comes after 50 new deaths were reported from the virus today north of the border.

However, 40 of those had occurred at a much earlier date, but their recording had been delayed, the First Minister confirmed today.

It brings the total number of Covid-19 deaths in Scotland to 126.

**Scottish Conservative leader Jackson Carlaw said:**

“The daily reporting of coronavirus deaths in Scotland is hugely important for a variety of reasons.

“These statistics have to be robust and reliable.

“We can’t have a repeat of a situation where scores of deaths have suddenly been revealed which actually should have been included at an earlier stage.

“That causes alarm and confusion among the public when anxieties are already sky high.

“The SNP government needs to assure the public that it will do everything possible so this kind of delay won’t occur again.”