

STATUS UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN IRELAND**FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 12th JANUARY 2022**

	INDICATOR	DATA
1	Total Population	5,021,831
2	Status update on Covid-19 for the Last 7 days	
	New cases	146,330
	Recovered	568
	Deaths	40
	Tested	258,667
	Vaccinated	181,172
	Positive rates	51.6%
	Average active cases	1,055 (92 in ICU)
3	Cumulative Data	
	Total Cumulative tests	10,525,963
	Total confirmed cases	1,021,303
	Total recoveries	262,388
	Cumulative Fatalities/Deaths	5,952
4	Vaccination Data	
	Total Vaccinations Received	7,551,982
	Total Booster Vaccines given	2,447,190
2	Proportion of adults fully vaccinated	6,999,201
5	Diaspora situation	
	Estimated diaspora population	3,000 – 5,000
	Registered diaspora	380
	Stranded	0
	Students	200
	Infected	5
	Recovered	4
	Deaths	1
	Proportion of adults fully vaccinated	Unknown

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1. The Department of Foreign Affairs has informed all Missions on the updated Government advice on international travel, in particular to the new pre-departure COVID test requirements for travel to Ireland, effective Sunday 5 December 2021, and additional restrictions also in place in relation to travel from scheduled States. The new measures come amid increasing concern about the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and will be reviewed again in the New Year.
2. The Cabinet has approved changes to the isolation periods for Covid-19, which will take effect from 12th January 2022. The Government decision brings an end to the five day isolation period for fully vaccinated close contacts who do not have any Covid-19 symptoms. However, they will be advised to wear a medical or higher grade mask and to take regular antigen tests. Close contacts who have not received a booster vaccine will have to restrict their movements for seven days.
3. Chief Medical Officer, Dr Holohan said in a statement: “For the second January in a row, a significant surge in infection from Covid-19 is having a major impact on essential services across all sectors, including the health service.
4. The Health Amendment Bill - which includes a return of Mandatory Hotel Quarantine - has passed all stages in the Dáil.
5. The General Secretary of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) has estimated that around 15% of members will be absent when schools reopen on 06/01/22. Around seven or eight thousand teachers will be absent because of Covid-19.
6. Covid booster vaccines have been made available to diplomats in Ireland.
7. Cabinet has also decided that children from the age of nine will be asked to wear a face-covering in certain public settings for the first time on a temporary basis, and that parents should aim to reduce socialisation indoors for children aged 12 and younger over the next two weeks.
8. Twenty two pregnant or postpartum women have required intensive care treatment for Covid-19 since the end of June 2021, and most of them have not been vaccinated. 90% of the Population in Ireland is fully vaccinated. From 1st September 2021 public transport returned to 100% capacity and 1.2% of all Covid-19 cases were contracted in health care settings.
9. The Omicron variant is known to be much more transmissible than the Delta variant. Irish health officials have said at this point nearly half of all new infections are associated with the new strain.
10. The Kenyan diaspora are updated weekly via the Mission’s website of the current Irish Government’s Covid-19 guidelines.