

STATUS UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN IRELAND

FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 1st DECEMBER 2021

	INDICATOR	DATA
1	Total Population	5,010,003
2	Status update on Covid-19 for the Last 7 days	
	New cases	35,672
	Recovered	420
	Deaths	43
	Tested	219,628
	Vaccinated	186,792
	Positive rates	14.1%
	Average active cases	578 (122 in ICU)
3	Cumulative Data	
	Total Cumulative tests	8,983,297
	Total confirmed cases	570,115
	Total recoveries	262,388
	Cumulative Fatalities/Deaths	5,652
4	Vaccination Data	
	Total Vaccinations Received	7,415,377
	Total Booster Vaccines given	802,691
2	Proportion of adults fully vaccinated	7,281,677
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. Cabinet has agreed that, from 2nd December 2021, people arriving into Ireland from overseas will be required to have a negative Covid-19 test. The negative test can be either a PCR test taken in the previous 72 hours or a professionally-administered antigen test taken in the past 48 hours.
2. The new measures come amid increasing concern about the Omicron variant of Covid-19 and will be reviewed again in a fortnight's time.
3. The Taoiseach on 16th November 2021 announced fresh restrictions as Covid-19 infection rates surge across the country. These include;
 - The Government has advised people to take regular antigen tests if they are asymptomatic and have visited riskier environments.
 - Everyone should revert to working from home unless it is necessary to attend the workplace in person.
 - Booster vaccinations are currently being administered to those aged over 60 in the community and residents in long-term care facilities, the immunocompromised, and healthcare workers. The National Immunisation Advisory Committee has recommended extending the programme to those aged 16-59 with underlying conditions and to those aged 50 to 59.
 - 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. In a statement the Chief Medical Officer Dr Tony Holohan said a "significant and rapid deterioration" in the epidemiological situation, in the as-yet-unvaccinated 5 – 11-year-olds has been seen over a short period of time.
4. 90% of the Population in Ireland is fully vaccinated.
5. 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.
6. From 1st September 2021 public transport returned to 100% capacity.
7. 1.2% of all Covid-19 cases were contracted in health care settings.
8. Chief Medical Officer Dr Tony Holohan has confirmed that anyone who lives with someone who returns to Ireland from South Africa or the other countries named last week - Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, or Zimbabwe - will have to isolate for 10 days.
9. The Kenyan diaspora are updated weekly via the Mission's website of the current Irish Government's Covid-19 guidelines.