

STATUS UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN IRELAND

FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 17th NOVEMBER 2021

	INDICATOR	DATA
1	Total Population	5,009,328
2	Status update on Covid-19 for the Last 7 days	
	New cases	32,242
	Recovered	152
	Deaths	43
	Tested	209,583
	Vaccinated	17,834
	Positive rates	15.4%
	Average active cases	609 (130 in ICU)
3	Cumulative Data	
	Total Cumulative tests	8,762,233
	Total confirmed cases	538,255
	Total recoveries	262,388
	Cumulative Fatalities/Deaths	5,609
4	Vaccination Data	
	Total Vaccinations Received	7,396,110
2	Proportion of adults fully vaccinated	7,190,103
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 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.
 - There is no change in current arrangements for student attendance and on-site activities in school, further and higher education institutions in line with Covid response plans for those sectors.
 - 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.
 - Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Ronan Glynn has pointed out that according to data, between 500,000 and 700,000 people last week had cold or flu like symptoms, and added that there was "no testing system in the world that can ramp up testing to 20% of its population in a week-on-week basis" and that public should expect there will be delays in testing.
2. 87% of the Population is fully vaccinated.
3. TAOISEACH Micheál Martin has said Ireland will make a decision on the potential vaccination of children aged over five years against Covid-19 within the next month.
4. 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.
5. From 1st September public transport returned to 100% capacity.
6. 1.2% of all Covid-19 cases were contracted in health care settings.
7. Irish scientists will start investigating where and what ages the new "Delta Plus" Covid-19 variant is infecting and whether it is causing more severe illness.
8. Kenya diaspora are updated weekly via the Mission's website of the current Irish Government's Covid-19 guidelines.