

**STATUS UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN IRELAND**

**FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2022**

	INDICATOR	DATA
<b>1</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,028,308</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Status update on Covid-19 for the Last 7 days</b>	
	New cases	22,172
	Recovered	406
	Deaths	11
	Tested	83,108
	Vaccinated	137,077
	Positive rates	29.2%
	Average active cases	653 (46 in ICU)
<b>3</b>	<b>Cumulative Data</b>	
	Total Cumulative tests	11,402,648
	Total confirmed cases	1,303,720
	Total recoveries	262,388
	Cumulative Fatalities/Deaths	6,508
<b>4</b>	<b>Vaccination Data</b>	
	Total Vaccinations Received	7,785,435
	Total Booster Vaccines given	2,819,636
<b>2</b>	Proportion of adults fully vaccinated	7,661,601
<b>5</b>	<b>Diaspora situation</b>	
	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.
2. You must also have one of the following when you arrive in Ireland: An [EU Digital COVID Certificate \(DCC\)](#) that shows you are fully vaccinated with an EMA approved vaccine, or have recovered from COVID-19, or other acceptable proof that you have been fully vaccinated with an approved vaccine, or you have recovered from COVID-19, or Proof of a negative RT-PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before your arrival.
3. The Government has discussed a four-step plan for living with Covid-19 which would see an emergency protocol established if a new variant of concern threatens public health. The Cabinet Covid-19 subcommittee met and heard an assessment from public-health officials about the current trajectory of the virus.
4. Sources said there will be four elements to the plan. The first involves an immediate phase in which a continuing focus is placed on meeting the current Covid-19 demands in terms of hospital care, vaccinations and testing and trace.
5. The second part of the plan involves a transition phase that will see PCR testing and vaccinations scaled back to a significant degree, with the dismantling of a workforce of thousands in vaccination centres, test and trace and labs.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Kenyan diaspora are updated weekly via the Mission's website of the current Irish Government's Covid-19 guidelines.