



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.**

**PQ Number:** 17538/20

**Question:**

**To ask the Minister for Health the capacity of laboratories that carry out the Covid-19 analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Request Type:** Direct Written Response to Deputy [Michael.fitzmaurice@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Michael.fitzmaurice@oireachtas.ie)

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

The HSE has secured the required capacity by National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE). NPHE determine the capacity and the public health testing strategy for the HSE. Currently our testing capacity is at 15,150 tests per day. The testing capacity is spread across 42 acute hospitals and 4 community diagnostic laboratories.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damien McCallion".

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**Damien McCallion**  
**National Director, HSE**