

31st August 2020

Deputy Catherine Murphy Dáil Éireann Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re: PQ 20514/20

Question: "To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 testing centres that are open nationally by county in tabular form; the centres that have been closed; the plans for testing per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.".

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

I wish to apologise for the delay in issuing a response to your above question.

Due to the current demands of the Covid-19 pandemic and the numerous queries we have received to date it has taken longer than I would have liked to respond.

The attached Appendix outlines the Covid-19 Community Testing Centres open nationally by Community Healthcare Organisation.

Community testing is a key component of the national COVID-19 strategy making testing facilities available for people who experience symptoms of COVID-19 and / or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. There are currently 29 Community Testing centre locations. These centres can be scaled up or down dependent on demand which can fluctuate daily. This is achieved by extending the opening hours and adding additional swabbing bays throughout the day. We continue to closely monitor demand and increase capacity where and when appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Appendix: CHO Community Testing Centres**

СНО	Testing Centre
CHO1	O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny
CHO1	Finisklin, Sligo
CHO 1	Ballinagh, Cavan
CHO1	Cloghan GAA centre outside
CHOI	Castleblaney, Monaghan
CHO2	Castlerea Fire Station, Church
01102	Road, Castlerea, Co Roscommon.
CHO2	Galway Airport
CHO2	Castlebar McHale Park
CHO3	The Gaelic Grounds
CHO3	The Derg, Nenagh
CHO3	Ennis - Cusack Park
CHO4	Tralee - Army Barracks (Tralee
CIIO+	Primary care unit)
CHO4	Dunmanway
CHO4	The Lee Covid-19 test site
CHO5	Waterford
CHO5	Nowlan Park Kilkenny
CHO5	Clonmel
CHO5	Wexford
CHO6	Glenside Road, Wicklow
CHO6	Clonskeagh Hospital
CHO6	St Vincents University Hospital
CHO7	Tallaght Stadium
CHO7	Kildare Punchestown
CHO7	Aviva Stadium
CHO8	Slane Health Centre
CHO8	Muirhevna Mor Dundalk
CHO8	Tullamore Drive Through -
CHO8	Portlaoise - St Fintan's Campus
CHO8	St Loman's Drive Through
	Mullingar
CHO9	Nat Show Centre Swords

