



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
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PQ 10973/20* *To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals in which patients have contracted Covid-19 in the hospital setting; the number of cases and the number of deaths per hospital from Covid-19 contracted in the hospital setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

We have asked the HSE-Health Protection Surveillance Centre to look into this matter and they have provided the following data.

Response

Note: The number of patients below who are reported as patients who contracted COVID-19 in the hospital setting was derived by applying the case definition below to all COVID-19 patients reported as hospitalised to the national infectious diseases reporting system (CIDR).

Data extracted from CIDR June 23rd at 9:49 am

The total number of hospitalised patients, with confirmed COVID-19, reported on CIDR was 3,285 (13%) and the total number of deaths in hospitalised patients was 671 (20% of hospitalised patients). Of the total number of hospitalised patients (3,285), 265 cases (8%) are likely to have been hospital acquired (if the case definition outlined below is applied), of whom 79 have died. However, data for some notifications are incomplete, so it is possible that there are further hospital acquired cases of COVID-19 not included here.

These figures only include hospital healthcare workers where they were also hospital inpatients and fulfilled the criteria for infection as hospital inpatients as outlined in the case definition below.

Case definition for Hospital acquired COVID-19 as agreed by EAG and AMRIC oversight group:

- Onset of clinical features of COVID-19 7 days or more after admission should be regarded as hospital acquired COVID-19
- Onset of clinical features of COVID-19 between days 3 and 6 after admission are considered hospital acquired cases of COVID-19 if epidemiologically linked to hospital exposure
- Onset of clinical features of COVID-19 on day 1 or 2 after admission are considered community acquired unless epidemiologically linked to hospital exposure during a recent hospital admission
- If onset of clinical features cannot be defined, a case by case assessment is required taking account of the date of sampling relative to the date of admission, the ct value of the test result and epidemiological evidence of a link to hospital exposure.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casedefinitions/>

We have requested the names of the hospitals in which patients have contracted Covid-19 in the hospital setting, and we will revert when we receive this information.

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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