



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



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29th May 2020

RE: PQ6173/20: To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests which have taken place to date at Portiuncula University Hospital and Roscommon University Hospital; the average waiting time for test results from the hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Portiuncula University Hospital

Number of tests: 267, information valid as of close of business 13th May.

Typical turnaround time (TAT) is less than 24 hours.

Please note that PUH sends Health Care Worker tests and 'indeterminate test result' swabs to Galway University Hospital for analysis and reanalysis respectively. If sample referral to GUH required, TAT is typically within 30 hours.

Roscommon University Hospital

Number of tests: 111, information valid as of close of business 13th May.

As samples are referred to GUH for testing, TAT is typically within 36 hours.

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

Yours sincerely,

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