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Ms. Claire Kerrane T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 33444/20

To ask the Minister for Health if a closed Covid testing centre (details supplied) could be re-opened given the increase in Covid cases and given the fact that it leaves some persons traveling over 60 km to a testing centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Claire Kerrane

(Details) - Covid Testing Centre in Athlone

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

The test centre in Athlone closed in June 2020 as a result of reduced demand. In line with national strategy for the provision of Covid Test Centres in Ireland there is one test centre in County Westmeath which is located in Mullingar which provides a testing service for all clients in Westmeath. There is also a testing centre in Longford and Tullamore, which individuals may attend if they find it more convenient.

The national ambulance service provide mobile testing for those individuals who are not able to attend for testing, and this can be organised as required

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer CHO Area 8