

15th October 2020

Deputy Louise O'Reilly
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ29677/20 and PQ 29678/20: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary and secondary schools that has had a confirmed case of Covid-19".

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 confirm that a total of 409 facilities have undergone mass testing to date in educational facilities following Public Health risk assessments. There have been 204 detected cases, which is a positivity rate of 2.1%, identified across 75 schools confirming 41 individuals are over 18 and the remaining 163 are under 18. Please see below the number of educational facilities broken down by Public Health Department:

PH Department	No. of Facilities	%
East	224	55
Midlands	31	8
Mid-West	31	8
North East	32	8
North West	24	6
South	27	7
South-East	11	3
West	29	7
Total	409	100

We have undertaken testing in childcare, primary, post primary and special education facilities where a total of 9,949 staff and students have been tested. Of all those tested, 14% (1,389) are aged over 18 and the remaining 86% (8,560) are under 18. The results of these tests are presented in the below table;

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected
Childcare Facility	90	1,785	68
Post Primary	110	2,603	45
Primary	194	5,023	81
Special Education	15	538	10
	409	9,949	204 (2.1%)

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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