

27th October 2020

Deputy Louise O'Reilly
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ29679/20: "To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary and secondary school teachers that have contracted Covid-19 in the workplace by county in tabular form".

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'm sure you will understand we cannot comment on individual cases or educational facilities but I wish to confirm that a total of 731 facilities have undergone mass testing to date in educational facilities following Public Health risk assessments. There have been 531 detected cases, which is a positivity rate of 3.0%, identified across 186 schools confirming 91 individuals are over 18 and the remaining 440 are under 18. We do not correlate the educational facilities by county but please see broken down by Public Health Department:

PH Department	No. of Facilities Tested	%
East	331	45%
Midlands	59	8%
Mid-West	53	7%
North East	80	11%
North West	45	6%
South	73	10%
South-East	28	4%
West	62	8%
Total	731	100%

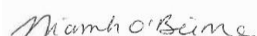
We have undertaken testing in childcare, primary, post primary and special education facilities where a total of 17,603 staff and students have been tested. Of all those tested, 14% (2,390) are aged over 18

and the remaining 86% (15,213) are under 18. The results of these tests are presented in the below table:

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected	No. Pending	No. not Tested/ Invalid
Childcare Facility	152	2908	154	5.3%	2740	5	9
Post Primary	191	4628	97	2.1%	4461	60	10
Primary	350	9202	252	2.7%	8784	152	14
Special Education	38	865	28	3.2%	826	10	1
Overall	731	17603	531	3.0%	16810	227	34

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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