

2nd October 2020

Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 22683/20

Question: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests each facility carried out on a daily basis by county in the weeks ending 23 and 30 August 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The attached Appendix illustrates the breakdown of the number of Covid-19 tests each facility carried out on a daily basis by county in the weeks ending 23 and 30 August 2020. I wish to advise that since May 2020, we have the capacity to conduct over 100,000 tests per week across our swabbing, laboratory and contact tracing infrastructure, the “end-to-end” process, as part of our roadmap of improvements on the testing and contact tracing process for Covid-19. Community testing is a key component of the national COVID-19 strategy making testing facilities available for people who experience symptoms of COVID-19 and / or have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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