

6th October

Deputy Francis Noel Duffy
Dáil Éireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 25327/20

Question: “To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons tested here for Covid-19 since the beginning of the outbreak”.

Dear Deputy Duffy


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 the cumulative total for all covid labs completed to date is 1,256,909 with a 3.4% positive rate.

There has been approximately 89,543 swabs taken for COVID-19 testing between 29th September – 5th October. Over 53,338 of these were taken in the community with the majority being performed at fixed testing sites and a portion as home visits which have increased in recent weeks. Approximately 18,412 swabs were taken in acute settings. The remaining 17,793 swabs taken were taken as part of the Serial Testing programmes of employees in meat and food production plants and healthcare workers in Residential Care Facilities

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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