

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Deputy Mattie McGrath  
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**PQ 21380/21 “To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the pop-up walk-in Covid-19 test centres by test centre; the locations they are or have been in operation; the way in which the locations are selected; the number that have been tested in each test centre; the number of positive tests found in each test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

On 25<sup>th</sup> March the HSE launched a new self-referral access pathway for Covid-19 testing to support targeted prevention & control of transmission. These test centres are an important part of the HSE's efforts to facilitate enhanced Covid-19 testing for local communities and means that those without symptoms of Covid-19 have convenient access to Covid-19 testing. They also allow further identification and understanding of any variants of concern within communities. The HSE continues to monitor the need for asymptomatic walk-in testing centres and HSE Public Health teams across the country continue to advise on the most appropriate locations at any given time.

Between 25<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> of May the Walk-in Centres listed below have been opened in two formats:


1. Dedicated walk-in testing centres.
2. Opening of lanes in existing testing centres to facilitate those without an appointment 'walk-ins'.

The dedicated walk-in testing centres are supported by the National Ambulance Service mobile testing teams with administrative support from the relevant Community Health Care organisation. Opening lanes in existing testing centres to walk in is accounted for in the testing capacity of each of these sites. The walk-in test centres are resourced from the existing Test and Trace budget and as outlined different elements are provided from different areas so a specific cost breakdown is not available.

The attached Appendix below details the centre locations, number of tests carried out by centre and the number of positive tests. Note that the figures below include those who attended on 9<sup>th</sup> May. Their results are not included in the Appendix below as their samples were being processed by the lab at the time of this report.

I trust this addresses your question.

Yours sincerely,



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**National Lead Testing and Tracing**

## Appendix: In Operation, Walk-in Referrals and Walk-in Positives to date

Walk-in Test Centre	In Operation (As of May 9th)	Walk-in Referrals	Walk-in Positives
CHO1 – Cavan	Yes	300	1
CHO1 – Convoy	Yes	95	1
CHO1 – Drumshanbo	No	377	2
CHO1 – Letterkenny	Yes	2368	110
CHO1 – Milford	No	272	10
CHO2 – Ballina	No	324	0
CHO2 – Ballinasloe	No	812	12
CHO2 – Castlebar	Yes	174	3
CHO2 - Castlerea Walk in	Yes	740	22
CHO2 - Galway Airport	Yes	666	18
CHO2 – Tuam	No	436	4
CHO3 - N Tipperary Walk in	Yes	1724	48
CHO3 – Limerick	No	1121	24
CHO4 - Dunmanway Walk-In	No	706	7
CHO4 – Midleton	No	740	14
CHO4 - Tralee	Yes	682	10
CHO4 - Youghal	No	845	13
CHO5 - South Tipperary	No	419	7
CHO5 - Waterford	Yes	1866	42
CHO5 - Wexford	Yes	179	10
CHO6 - Irishtown Stadium	No	2405	92
CHO6 - Wicklow	Yes	962	36
CHO7 - Celbridge	No	1704	33
CHO7 - Dublin 10	No	1117	35
CHO7 - Dublin 12 Area	No	4222	100
CHO7 - Dublin 8	No	3666	150
CHO7 - Naas	No	1567	31
CHO7 - Newbridge	Yes	1446	47
CHO7 - Tallaght Stadium	No	4371	187
CHO8 - Athlone	No	1213	8
CHO8 - Edenderry	No	2532	53
CHO8 - Mullingar	Yes	2003	81
CHO8 - Navan	No	1452	17
CHO8 - Offaly (Tullamore )	Yes	499	16
CHO9 - Balbriggan	No	1896	28
CHO9 - Ballymun	Yes	1684	88
CHO9 - Blanchardstown	Yes	2921	136
CHO9 - Coolock	No	3436	224
CHO9 - Dublin Mulhuddart	No	3510	182
CHO9 - Dublin North Inner City	No	3403	73
CHO9 - Dublin NorthWest	No	2831	116
CHO9 - Finglas	No	3172	179