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PQ10911/21: To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have availed of CervicalCheck screening services per month from January 2020 to date by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question.

As you are aware, CervicalCheck was paused in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We resumed screening on July 06 by prioritising inviting the longest waiters. We are thankful to all our participants and sample takers who have responded to screening invitations since we restarted.

We continue to support GP practices and community clinics making individual decisions about the level of screening that is safe for them to provide, as they adhere to Government guidelines and Public Health advice about the spread of COVID-19.

We continue to ask women to keep in touch with their GP and to take the earliest appointment offered to them, even if it is four to six weeks away. We are also letting women know that they do not need to book for screening with their own GP, and can book with any sampletaker in their area. A list of registered sampletakers is available on our website [here](#).

Please see below requested data. Quarterly figures are compiled in arrears. The available quarterly figures up to and including Q3 2020 are as follows:

County	Jan-Mar 2020	Apr-Jun 2020	July-Sep 2020
	Unique Females Screened in period	Unique Females Screened in period	Unique Females Screened in period
Carlow	467	1	491
Cavan	571	1	463
Clare	809		842
Cork	4235	3	3817
Donegal	1256		1142
Dublin	11230	348	9968
Galway	2099	2	2051
Kerry	1083	1	1026
Kildare	1879	9	1690
Kilkenny	706		717
Laois	581	1	456

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Leitrim	241	1	208
Limerick	1498		1569
Longford	295		252
Louth	1066	3	1021
Mayo	950		925
Meath	1658	11	1414
Monaghan	505	1	364
Offaly	505	2	570
Roscommon	419		468
Sligo	497		456
Tipperary	1228	2	1175
Waterford	1089		943
Westmeath	732		699
Wexford	1268		1075
Wicklow	1306	5	1066
Total	38173	391	34868

We continue to ask that people do not attend their appointment if they are unwell or self-isolating because they have symptoms of COVID-19. People should not attend either if they are a confirmed close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

Cervical screening is for well people who do not have symptoms. Anyone who is worried about symptoms at any time is advised not to wait for screening but to contact their GP immediately, for appropriate follow-up care.

For other queries patients can call the Freephone information line on 1800 45 45 55, email info@screeningservice.ie or contact your clinic directly.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

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