



Deputy Johnny Mythen,  
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RE PQ 5600/21

**Question**

To ask the Minister for Health if an increased number of FFP2 masks have been provided to hospital staff given the high level of Covid-19 in hospital settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Johnny Mythen

**Response**

Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Below is a summary of FFP2 mask distribution which shows weekly distribution to Acute Hospitals for December 2020 and January 2021.

PPE: FFP2 Distribution to Acute Hospitals

FFP2	W/E 06/12	W/E 13/12	W/E 20/12	W/E 27/12	W/E 03/01*	W/E 10/01	W/E 17/01	W/E 24/01	W/E 31/01	Total
FFP2 Volume	0.049 m	0.052 m	0.078 m	0.091 m	0.002 m	0.086 m	0.129 m	0.509 m	0.432 m	1.428 m
Weekly % Change		6.1%	50.0%	16.7%		-5.5%	50.0%	294.6%	-15.1%	
Overall Change										781.6%

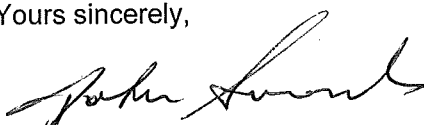
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December 2020	January 2021	Total
0.272 m	1.156 m	1.428 m

Note: No scheduled PPE deliveries in w/e 03 January; however emergency requests were facilitated when received.  
Double order quantities were provided on orders in w/e 27 December to sustain stock positions over Christmas.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via [ohop@hse.ie](mailto:ohop@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,



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