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PQ ref 54550/21 To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to set up a Covid-19 test centre in Connemara given the upsurge in cases in view of the long distances that persons from Connemara have to travel at present for a Covid-19 test; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó'Cuív,

Covid testing is carried out at one site generally in each county, situated in a central location where possible.

This is the case in Galway with the Galway Airport site, which is a drive through facility servicing clients from Co Galway.

We also have a static site located at the NUIG campus which caters for students and city dwellers that do not have access to transport.

We do not intend at this point to set up other test facilities in any other locations in the county, however "pop up" Covid 19 testing centres are provided in areas of high Covid activity and the need for this is monitored on an ongoing basis with our colleagues in Public Health.

Yours sincerely,

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