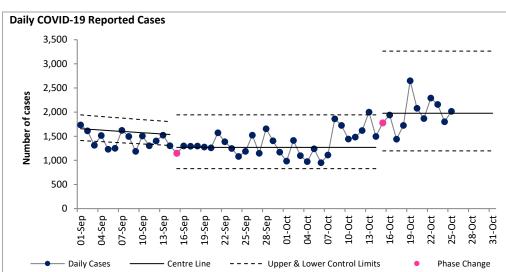
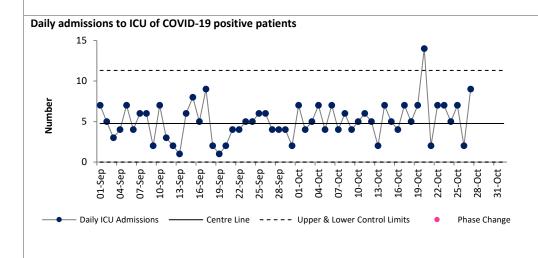
COVID-19 Data Summary, Wednesday 27th October 2021 Weekly Report on COVID-19 Statistical Process Control Charts



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Daily new hospital admissions of COVID-19 positive patients 80 70 60 50 Number 40 30 20 10 0 28-Oct 01-Sep 04-Sep 07-Sep 19-Sep 22-Sep 25-Sep 28-Sep 01-Oct 04-Oct 07-Oct L0-Oct 13-Oct L6-Oct 19-Oct 22-Oct 25-Oct 31-Oct L6-Sep Daily Hospitalisations - Centre Line ---- Upper & Lower Control Limits Phase Change



Epoch 3: Plateau or descent in daily reported cases

The number of new cases reported per day had been increasing (i.e. in the growth phase / Epoch 2) between 12th June & 15th August. Cases then decreased (i.e. the Plateau or descent phase/ Epoch3) between 16th August and 22nd September.

From 23rd September to 14th October cases remained in Epoch 3, stable but at a higher level. From 15th October we again see cases remaining in Epoch 3 (stability) but at a higher level again.

Based on data up to 27th October we would expect to continue to see an average of 1,976 new cases per day.

Epoch 3: Plateau or descent in daily reported hospital admissions

The number of new hospitalisations per day of COVID positive patients had been trending upwards until 2nd September (i.e. in Epoch 2, growth phase), during which time the average increased from 16 admissions per day on 1st August to 42 admissions per day by 2nd September.

There was signal of a reduction from 3rd Sept and admissions entered Epoch 3 (plateau or descent phase). Since Oct 19th admissions have been stable but at a higher level. Based on the current data we can expect to continue to see an average of 35 hospital admissions of COVID positive patients per day.

Epoch 4: Stability after descent in daily reported ICU admissions

The number of new ICU admissions per day of COVID positive patients had been trending downwards since January.

There was a signal of a reduction in the average number of new ICU admissions of COVID positive patients per day from 1.3 since 30th April to 0.6 per day since 10th June.

From 25th July to 17th August ICU admissions remained stable at a higher level than in preceding weeks (3.3 per day).

From 18th August ICU admissions remain stable but again at a higher level than preceding weeks. We can expect an average of 4.8 admissions per day. **Outlying value of 14 admissions was recorded on Oct 20th**. Note that due to the cyber attack data on daily notified deaths of people with COVID-19 are not currently available. For more information on the methodology used above and the team behind the development of this SPC approach see https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/covid-19-qi-learning/resources-developed-to-support-the-national-covid19-response/understanding-variation-in-key-covid-19-indicators-in-ireland-using-statistical-process-control-shewhart-charts.pdf