

Daily COVID-19 Bulletin

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COVID-19 is the disease name and SARS-COV2 is the virus name.

New reports since yesterday

¹Number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases: 148

²Number of reported deaths associated with COVID-19: 17

Individual testing information

³Number of individuals tested for SARS-COV2 Virus: 724*

Individuals tested at SSE SARS-COV2 Testing Centre: 9**

Individuals tested at City of Derry Rugby Testing Centre: 32**

Total individuals tested for SARS-COV2 virus since yesterday: 765**

Summary to date

¹Cumulative number of laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases: 2,486

²Cumulative number of reported deaths associated with COVID-19: 193

³Number of Individuals tested for SARS-COV2 Virus: 15,749

Table 1 SARS-COV2 test outcome, in Northern Ireland*

COVID-19 Testing indicator	Number
Number of Individuals tested for SARS-COV2 Virus	15,749
Number of Individuals testing positive for SARS-COV2 Virus	2,486
Number of Individuals testing negative for SARS-COV2 Virus	13,197
Number of Individuals with indeterminate result for SARS-COV2 Virus	66

**Tests were initially conducted by the Regional Virology Laboratory (RVL) Belfast for all of Northern Ireland. On 30/03/2020, laboratory testing data from the NHSCCT (testing started 23/03/2020) and from the SHSCT (testing started 28/03/2020) was added. On 10/04/2020, laboratory testing data from the WHSCT (testing started 03/04/2020) was added. This data is accurate at the time of the report but due to processing times, testing numbers may change (e.g. indeterminate tests may be retested with a positive/negative result).*

***Number of tests completed 17/04/2020.*

Definitions (as at 10/04/2020)

¹Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases

- has clinical evidence of COVID-19 Disease¹

or

- a healthcare worker or household member with or without symptoms

and

- has a positive laboratory result for SARS-COV2

Source of data: laboratory reports from Regional Virus Laboratory, NHSCT (testing started 23/03/2020), SHSCT (testing started 28/03/2020) and WHSCT (testing started 03/04/2020).

Please note:

- This number refers to individuals, NOT number of tests performed by laboratory. An individual may have had more than one test for clinical purposes.
- This includes people that may have had a test taken in previous days (not just the last 24 hours) due to processing times.

²Deaths associated with COVID-19

Death of an individual reported as having a positive result for SARS-COV2 within the previous 28 days of death.

Source of data: clinician reports (e.g. HSC Trusts), Regional Virus Laboratory and local laboratory reports.

Please note, this number refers to individuals who have died within 28 days of first positive result, whether or not COVID-19 was the cause of death. Data correct up to 09:15 on morning of the report.

³Individuals tested for SARS-COV2 virus

An individual is tested if they meet the case definition for testing (as above).

Source of data: laboratory reports from Regional Virus Laboratory, NHSCT (testing started 23/03/2020), SHSCT (testing started 28/03/2020) and WHSCT (testing started 03/04/2020).

Please note, this number refers to individuals, NOT number of tests performed by laboratory. An individual may have had more than one test for clinical purposes.

¹ Clinical evidence of COVID Disease is clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia OR acute respiratory distress syndrome OR influenza like illness.