

Daily COVID-19 high level Surveillance Report for IMT

PHA HP Respiratory Surveillance team

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Changes from yesterday

Number of new Individuals testing positive for COVID-19¹: 49

Number of new Individuals tested² for COVID-19: 272

Number of new COVID-19 associated deaths³: 2

Summary to date

Cumulative number of deaths: 15

Table 1 COVID-19 results by test outcome, in Northern Ireland

COVID-19 Testing indicator	Number
Number of Individuals testing negative for COVID-19	3961
Number of Individuals testing positive for COVID-19	324
Number of Individuals tested for COVID-19	4286

¹This is the number of new COVID-19 cases since yesterday morning's report. This includes people that may have had a test taken in previous days (not just the last 24 hours) due to processing times. This is how the trend of cases is monitored across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, in accordance with World Health Organisation guidance

²Number of new tests completed for the previous day

³Death data correct to 09:15 on the morning of the report

Caveats

Please note, that as of 13th March the daily SitRep is now based on virology data only. Unlike the virology data, this report is based on individuals tested rather than tests conducted. For example, one individual will have multiple tests. In the PHA dataset they would be counted once whereas in virology they would have multiple entries.

Prior to the 13th March, total tests included only individuals that met the case definition (travel and clinical criteria). However, during this time wider testing was also being conducted across all Trusts in Northern Ireland. These individuals are now included in the overall virology total resulting in an overnight increase of approximately 400 tests which affected the total number of tests and total number of negative reports.

On the 13th March, the case definition also changed such that testing was limited to acute Trust admissions only. This will likely lead to a reduction in the total number of tests being performed and an increase in the positivity rate.