



Covid-19 Survey – 6th May 2020

233 private and voluntary nursing homes participated in the survey undertaken 6th May 2020

Testing

Has the HSE undertaken mass testing of staff and residents in your nursing home?

Respondents: 233 Nursing Homes

Yes: 226 Nursing Homes (97%)

No: 7 Nursing Homes (3%)

Have staff who were absent for mass testing since received a test?

Respondents: 223 Nursing Homes

Yes: 158 Nursing Homes (71%)

No: 65 Nursing Homes (29%)

How long did it take for test results to be returned? We appreciate numerous tests may entail differing turnaround times. You can give an indication within your answer as to 'typical' turnaround for staff and residents.

Respondents: 220 Nursing Homes

Within 24 hours: 3 Nursing Homes (1.5%)

2 days: 9 Nursing Homes (4%)

3 days: 22 Nursing Homes (10%)

4 days: 30 Nursing Homes (13.5%)

5 days: 29 Nursing Homes (13%)

6 days: 20 Nursing Homes (9%)

7 days: 24 Nursing Homes (11%)

8 days: 12 Nursing Homes (5.5%)

9 days: 5 Nursing Homes (2%)

10+ days: 10 Nursing Homes (4.5%)

- For 10+, we afforded nursing homes opportunity to inform further

- 12 days
- Tests taken on 24.04.20 still outstanding
- Residents results 5 days. Staff test results 10 days +
- 2 lost. Awaiting again on results
- 14 days
- Received all residents results in 6 days staff results in 10 days

Results yet to be received: 56 Nursing Homes (25.5%)

- *We afforded nursing homes opportunity to inform further*
- Suspect case testing requested by GP 29/4/20. Testing done as part of mass testing 5th May. Result pending
- Test done three days ago
- We were tested on the 29th April 2020. We are still waiting for 21 tests to come back.
- Testing 6th May 2020
- Mass testing 03rd May 2020; no results to date.
- Tested on Saturday 2nd May
- Waiting a week today
- Tested on 29th April
- We had all staff and residents swabbed on 23rd and 24th April. To date (6th May) the following remains: Residents: 151 tested, 143 not detected, 8 pending. Staff: 210 tested, 178 not detected, 1 positive (asymptomatic) and 31 pending. We are now approaching day 12 and 13 day post swabbing.
- At present still waiting 1/3 staff
- Waiting over a week
- 47 of the 54 resident results received yesterday - 4 days after testing. 4 staff results out of 55 received yesterday, 4 days after testing.
- 5% of results received 7 days on
- Mass Testing took place in the Centre 29/04/2020. We received a spreadsheet containing *some* results, and despite follow up, have not yet received all results.
- Residents received results after 8 days. Staff results - some are still pending...12 days later
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- 40 results received after 5 days, a further 16 after 6 days and none since. Awaiting a further 49 results
- Residents tested 28th April no results yet. Staff tested 29th April no results
- We have been informed that HSE facilities that were tested after us in our region have received their results within 48 hours however we are still waiting, 11 days at the moment
- Testing carried out 22/03/20. Dept of Public Health were able to confirm some resident results on 29/03/20 that we requested but no formal correspondence has

been received, 14 days later despite multiple phone calls and emails to Dept of Health. We are now communicating with National Virus Reference Lab directly. Staff have rung National Virus Reference Lab themselves to obtain results.

Who provided the test results?

Multiple response were allowed

GP: 47 Nursing Homes

Public Health: 165 Nursing Homes

Laboratory: 44 Nursing Homes

How did you receive the results?

Multiple responses were allowed

Phone: 132 Nursing Homes

Text Message: 27 Nursing Homes

Excel spreadsheet: 114 Nursing Homes

Staffing

How many staff are unavailable due to Covid 19?

Senior Nurse: 49 nursing homes informed of 85 senior nurses being absent

Nurse: 81 nursing homes informed of 221 nurses being unavailable

Healthcare Assistants: 132 nursing homes informed of 606 healthcare assistants being unavailable

Other: 82 nursing homes informed of 240 other employees being unavailable

Have additional staff been made available to you by the HSE to support your staffing complement during Covid-19?

216 respondents

Yes: 25 nursing homes (12%)

No: 191 nursing homes (88%)

If the HSE have supported you in increasing your staffing complement, please inform of number of staff provided

Senior Nurse: No nursing home informed of any provided

Nurse: 15 nursing homes informed of 40 nurses provided by HSE

Healthcare Assistant: 9 nursing homes informed of 26 HCAs provided by HSE

Other: 10 nursing homes informed of 13 other staff provided by HSE

Are you satisfied with the supply of PPE that you have?

Gloves: Yes - 173 nursing homes (75%); No – 56 nursing homes (25%)

Hand sanitiser: Yes – 202 nursing homes (89%); No – 26 nursing homes (11%)

Facemasks: Yes – 138 nursing homes (60%); No – 92 nursing homes (40%)

Gowns: Yes – 135 nursing homes (59%); No – 93 nursing homes (41%)

- *We afforded opportunity for nursing homes to inform further*
- 90% of our PPE was sourced privately and not provided by the HSE
- Wrong size gloves - too big. Need more facemasks. Need more gowns
- Unable to source gowns, 99% of PPE we have in stock was self-acquired
- We have received good amounts of PPE and a lot of face shields but not the same quantity of gowns.
- Infrequent deliveries, normally with what you didn't want
- We have order PPE 3 times in the last week as we are running low and have NOT receive any delivery
- Very well supported and supplied by HSE
- HSE has been very efficient in the supply of PPE.
- Largely satisfied but should be noted that most of the PPE we have was sourced privately leading up to the pandemic, if we hadn't been able to do that, the supplies from the HSE would not have been sufficient to protect staff.
- Shockingly little supplies with numbers of residents in isolation
- Facemasks are in short supply
- Facemasks are our greatest concern at present.