



# **Weekly COVID-19 Mass Testing Report for Schools and Childcare Facilities**

**Weeks 39**

**26<sup>th</sup> September– 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

Data up to 10:00am 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021



## 1. Report Overview

The data presented in this report are the results of the close contact testing undertaken in educational and childcare facilities following notification to Departments of Public Health of a confirmed case of Covid-19 who had attended a facility during the infectious time period.

- The information below relating to Schools and Special Education is based on Term 1 taking place within educational facilities, since 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Data prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> August pertain to Summer School data, presented in appendix 3.
- The information relating to Childcare Facilities is based on data since the beginning of 2021, data will be presented from 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## 2. Summary of Mass Testing in Schools & Childcare Facilities

### 2.1 Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Term 1):

The below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Schools facilities for term 1, based on data between 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

**Table 1: Results Summary for Schools Testing from 29/08/2021 – 02/10/2021**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Primary* **	945	18,271	1,067	5.8%	17,178
Post Primary	361	2,463	98	4.0%	2,358
Special Education*	32	388	29	7.5%	359
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>21,122</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>19,895</b>

\*Of note, for Primary and SEN facilities, the data presented represents approximately 50% of the test results until 18<sup>th</sup> September, because of the recent delays in the processes. Data from 19<sup>th</sup> September onwards are approximately 85% of what are expected.

\*\*Mass testing data available for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September only for week 39. In line with policy change, referral and presentation for mass testing are not undertaken after that date.

### 2.2 Results Summary for Childcare Facility Testing (2021 Return to Date):

The table below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Childcare facilities since the beginning of term 1, from 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Table 2: Results Summary for Childcare Facility Testing from 29/08/2021 – 27/09/2021\***

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Childcare*	459	8,835	344	3.9%	8,483
<b>Total</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>8,835</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>8,483</b>



\* Of note, for Primary and SEN facilities, the data presented represents approximately 50% of the test results until 18<sup>th</sup> September, because of the recent delays in the processes. Data from 19<sup>th</sup> September onwards are approximately 85% of what are expected. Mass testing data available for 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September only. In line with policy change, referral and presentation for mass testing are not undertaken after that date.

### 3. Summary of Mass Testing in Schools Only

#### 3.1 Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Week 39):

The data below provides details of the mass testing conducted in School settings based on data from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. Limitations as described above\* apply to the number of facilities results are available for.

**Table 3: Results Summary for Schools Testing WK 39: Schools Only**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Primary*	238	676	37	5.5%	639
Post Primary	153	398	13	3.3%	382
Special Education	15	55	4	7.3%	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1,072</b>

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#### 3.2 School Testing Age Breakdown by Facility Type (Week 39):

The data below provides details of school type and age analysis based on data from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

**Table 4: Results Summary for Schools Testing WK 39: Schools Only by Age**

School Type	Age	Tested	Tested %	Detected	Detected %	Not Detected
Primary*	0-19	651	57.7%	36	5.5%	615
	+20	25	2.2%	1	4.0%	24
Post Primary	0-19	384	34.0%	13	3.4%	368
	+20	14	1.2%	0	0.0%	14
Special Education	0-19	45	4.0%	3	6.7%	42
	+20	10	0.9%	1	10.0%	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,129</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1,072</b>

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### 3.3 COVID-19 Cases by Age Group

The figures below for Weeks 19 to 29 are based on SARS CoV-2 results uploaded to the COVID Care Tracker (CCT). These data are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and update.

**Table 5: Breakdown of confirmed COVID-19 cases by age group up to WK 39:**

Week of Notification	Age Groups			Totals		
	0-4 years	5-12 years	13-18 years	0-18 years	% of 0-4 population	% of 5-18 Population
<b>Week 39 (2021)</b>	478	1,356	727	2,561	0.14%	0.23%
<b>Week 10 (2020)- Week 39 (2021)</b>	15,959	32,928	34,851	83,738	4.81%	7.37%
<b>Week 35 (2020)- Week 39 (2021)</b>	15,688	32,531	34,342	82,561	4.73%	7.27%

\* **Note:** % of population was calculated using CSO 2016 'Census of Population – profile 3 An Age Profile of Ireland'.

## 4. Summary of Childcare Facility Testing

### 4.1 Results Summary for Childcare Facility Testing (Week 39):

The data below provides details of the mass testing conducted Childcare Facilities based on data from 26<sup>th</sup> September– 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Limitations as described above\* apply to the number of facilities results are available for.

**Table 6: Results Summary WK 39 for Childcare Facilities**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
<b>Childcare facilities*</b>	96	378	20	5.3%	357
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>357</b>

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### 4.2 Age Analysis for Childcare Facilities (Week 39):

The data below provides details of age analysis for Childcare Facilities on data from 26<sup>th</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Table 7: Results Summary WK 39 for Childcare Facilities**

Facility Type	Age	Tested	Tested %	Detected	Detected %	Not Detected
<b>Childcare facilities*</b>	<b>0-19</b>	346	91.5%	16	4.6%	330
	<b>&gt;20</b>	32	8.5%	4	12.5%	27
<b>Total</b>		<b>378</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>357</b>

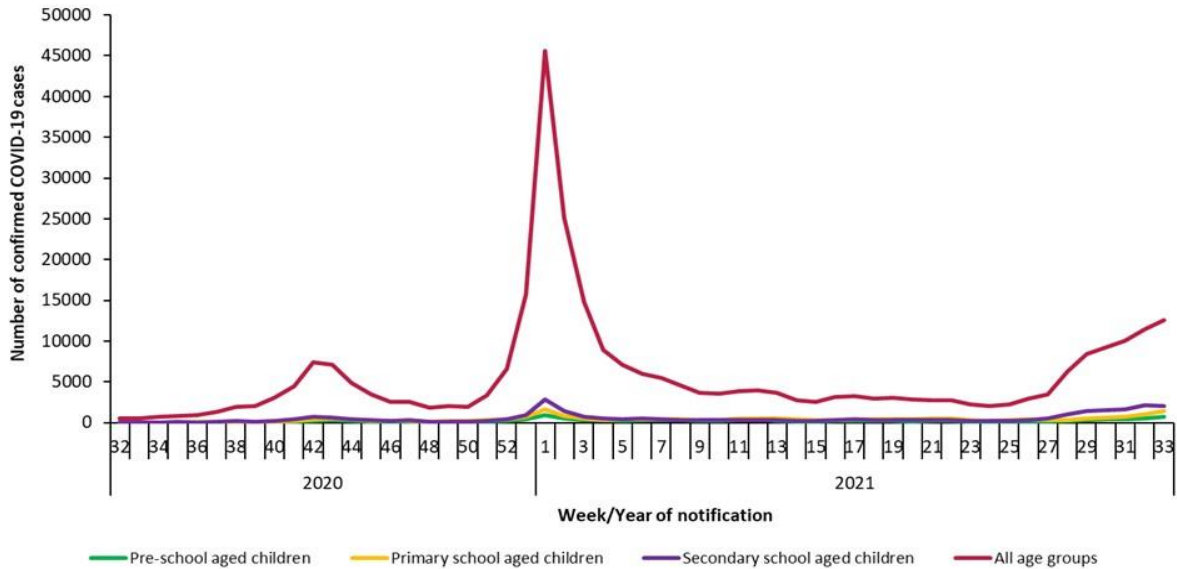
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## 5. Supporting Graphs

### 5.1 Overview of Weekly COVID-19 Cases in All School Facilities Relative to Confirmed COVID-19 cases by age group

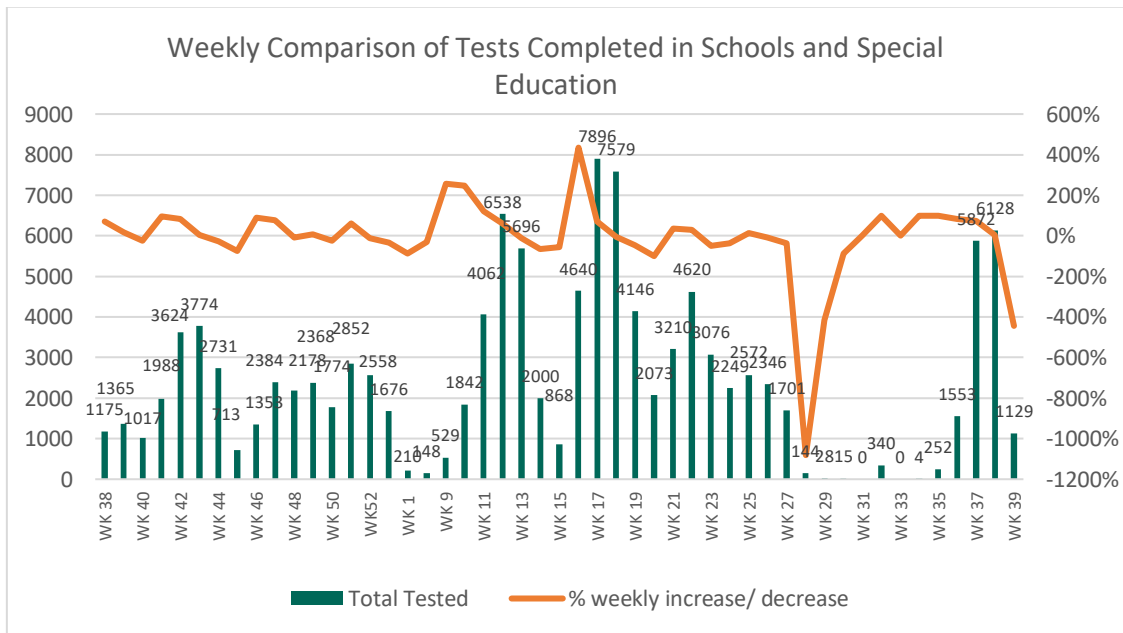
The below data provides details on the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases reported per week in pre-school, primary and secondary school aged children relative to total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases across age groups, week 32 2020-week 33 2021.



### 5.2 Weekly Comparison of Tests Completed in Schools and Special Education (% Increase / Decrease):

The data below provides a summary of the week on week increase/ decrease for the number tests completed in Schools and Special Education.

**Table 8: Weekly Analysis of Schools and Special Education Testing by Week**



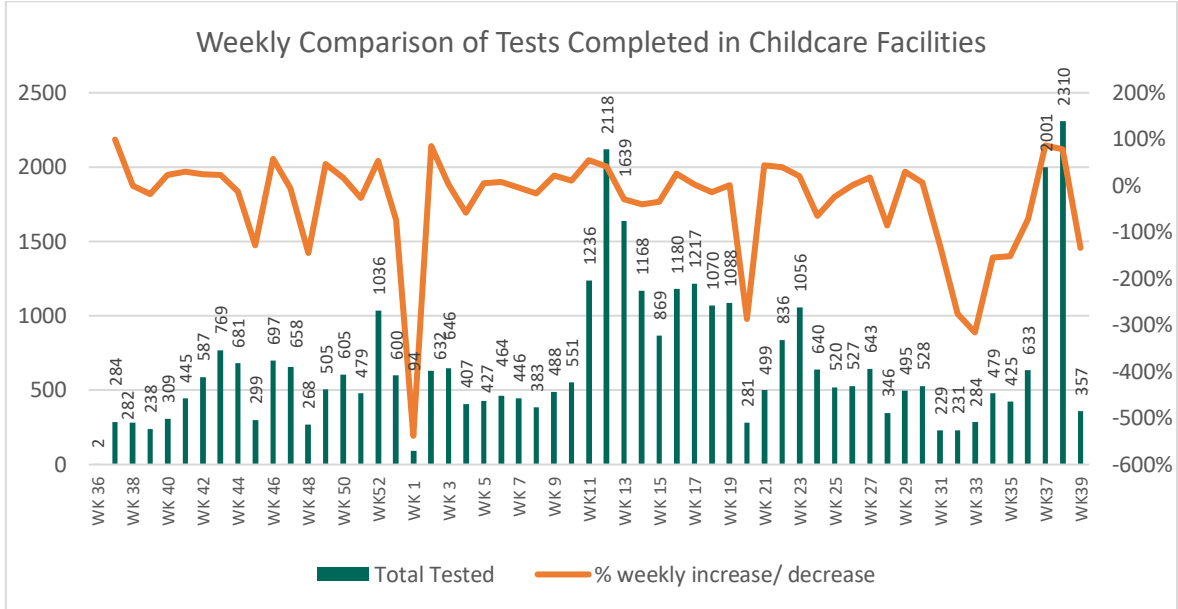
\*Data for 14<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May is incomplete due to HSE ICT cyber attack



### 5.3 Weekly Comparison of Tests Completed in Childcare Facilities (% Increase / Decrease):

The data below provides a summary of the week on week increase/ decrease for the number tests completed in Childcare Facilities.

**Table 9: Weekly Analysis of Childcare Facility Testing by Week**

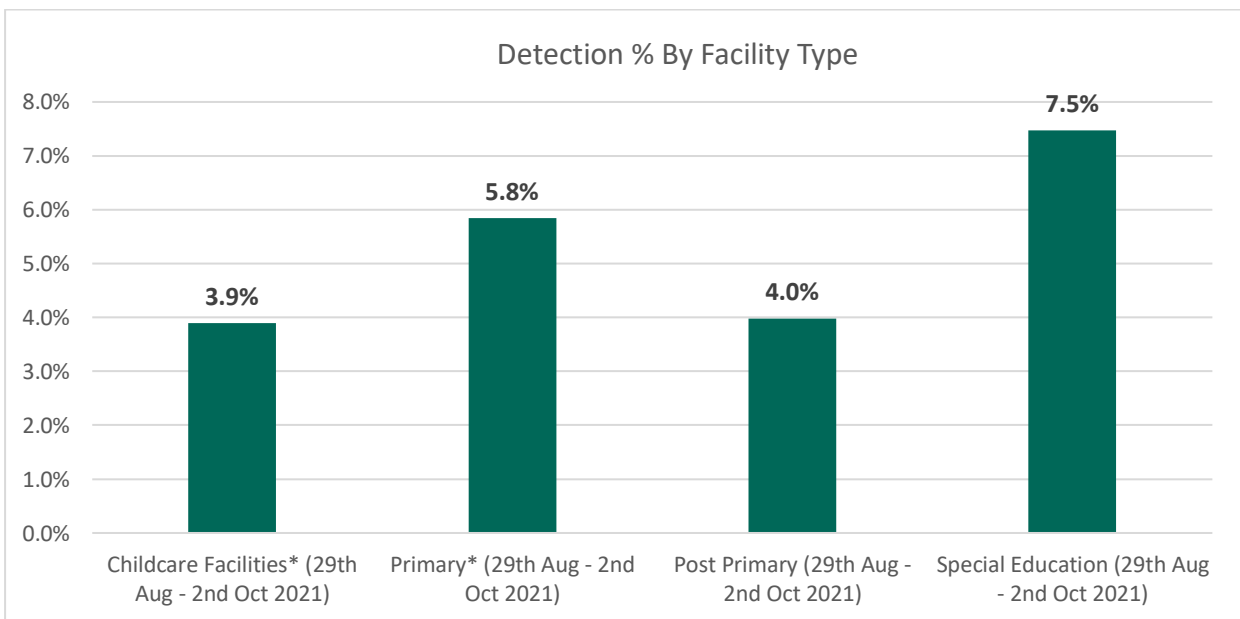


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### 5.4 Detection % By Facility Type:

The graph below provides a summary of Detection Rates (Detection %) by facility type. Special Education facilities have the highest rates at 7.5% (since 29<sup>th</sup> Aug) while Childcare facilities have the lowest detection rates at 3.9% (since 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021).

**Table 10: Detection Rate (%) by Facility Type\***





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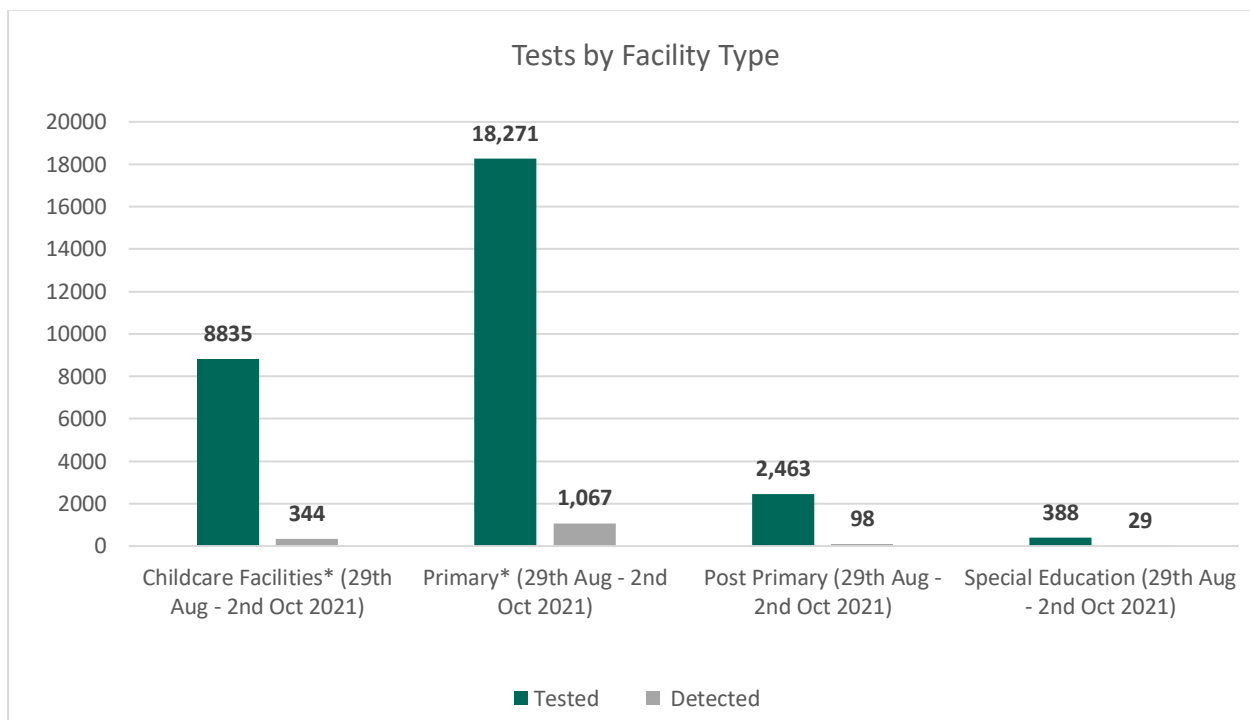
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**\*Note** that higher detection rates among Childcare Facilities may be due to closer interactions between individuals within Childcare Facilities.

### 5.5 Facility Type and Detection Figures:

The graph below provides a summary of tests by type. Primary facilities have the highest number of tests completed at 17,503 (since 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 2021). Special Education has the lowest number of tests completed at 333 (since 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021).

**Table 11: Tests and Detected Cases by Facility Type\***



\* TUSLA residential sites were included in Special Education data. These have now been removed and reports going forward for Special Education will only indicate Special Education only.

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## Appendix 1

### Week & Date Legend

The table below provides the details of the dates included in each week of testing:

Week	Dates
Week 35	23/08/2020 – 29/08/2020
Week 36	30/08/2020 – 05/09/2020
Week 37	06/09/2020 – 12/09/2020
Week 38	13/09/2020 – 19/09/2020
Week 39	20/09/2020 – 26/09/2020
Week 40	27/09/2020 – 03/10/2020
Week 41	04/10/2020 – 10/10/2020
Week 42	11/10/2020 – 17/10/2020
Week 43	18/10/2020 – 24/10/2020
Week 44	25/10/2020 – 31/10/2020
Week 45	01/11/2020 – 07/11/2020
Week 46	08/11/2020 – 14/11/2020
Week 47	15/11/2020 – 21/11/2020
Week 48	22/11/2020 – 28/11/2020
Week 49	29/11/2020 – 05/11/2020
Week 50	06/12/2020 – 12/12/2020
Week 51	13/12/2020 – 19/12/2020
Week 52	20/12/2020 – 26/12/2020
Week 53	27/12/2020 – 02/01/2021
Week 1	03/01/2021 – 09/01/2021
Week 2	10/01/2021 – 16/01/2021
Week 3	17/01/2021 – 23/01/2021
Week 4	24/01/2021 – 30/01/2021
Week 5	31/01/2021 – 06/02/2021
Week 6	07/02/2021 – 13/02/2021
Week 7	14/02/2021 – 20/02/2021
Week 8	21/02/2021 – 27/02/2021
Week 9	28/02/2021 – 06/03/2021
Week 10	07/03/2021 – 13/03/2021





<b>Week 11</b>	14/03/2021 – 20/03/2021
<b>Week 12</b>	21/03/2021 – 27/03/2021
<b>Week 13</b>	28/03/2021 – 03/04/2021
<b>Week 14</b>	04/04/2021 – 10/04/2021
<b>Week 15</b>	11/04/2021 – 17/04/2021
<b>Week 16</b>	18/04/2021 – 24/04/2021
<b>Week 17</b>	25/04/2021 – 01/05/2021
<b>Week 18</b>	02/05/2021 – 08/05/2021
<b>Week 19*</b>	09/05/2021 – 15/05/2021
<b>Week 20*</b>	16/05/2021 – 22/05/2021
<b>Week 21*</b>	23/05/2021 – 29/05/2021
<b>Week 22</b>	30/05/2021 – 05/06/2021
<b>Week 23</b>	06/06/2021 – 12/06/2021
<b>Week 24</b>	13/06/2021 – 19/06/2021
<b>Week 25</b>	20/06/2021 – 26/06/2021
<b>Week 26</b>	27/06/2021 – 03/07/2021
<b>Week 27</b>	04/07/2021 – 10/07/2021
<b>Week 28</b>	11/07/2021 – 17/07/2021
<b>Week 29</b>	18/07/2021 – 24/07/2021
<b>Week 30</b>	25/07/2021 – 31/07/2021
<b>Week 31</b>	01/08/2021 – 07/08/2021
<b>Week 32</b>	08/08/2021 - 14/08/2021
<b>Week 33</b>	15/08/2021- 21/08/2021
<b>Week 34</b>	22/08/2021- 28/08/2021
<b>Week 35</b>	29/08/2021- 04/09/2021
<b>Week 36</b>	05/09/2021- 11/09/2021
<b>Week 37</b>	12/09/2021- 18/09/2021
<b>Week 38</b>	19/09/2021 – 25/09/2021
<b>Week 39</b>	26/09/2021 – 02/10/2021

\*Data for May 14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> is incomplete due to HSE ICT cyber attack

## Appendix 2

The following groupings are used for reporting purposes:

Facility Type	Facility Tag
<b>Childcare Facilities</b>	Early Years Register + School Age Register
<b>Primary</b>	All Primary Schools



<b>Post Primary</b>	Post Primary + Grind Schools
<b>Special Education</b>	Special Education

### Appendix 3

## 2.1 Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Summer):

The table below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Schools and Special Education facilities since the start of the Summer holidays, where summer schools are being undertaken, beginning on 11th July 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Table 1: Results Summary for Schools Testing from 11/07/2021 – 28/08/2021**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
<b>Primary</b>	26	176	7	3.98%	169
<b>Post Primary</b>	3	341	11	3.23%	330
<b>Special Education</b>	<5	14	0	0.00%	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.39%</b>	<b>513</b>

\*Data for 14<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May is incomplete due to HSE ICT cyber attack

## 2.2 Results Summary for Childcare Facility Testing (2021 Return to Date):

The table below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Childcare facilities since the beginning of 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Table 2: Results Summary for Childcare Facility Testing from 04/01/2021 – 28/08/2021\***

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
<b>Childcare</b>	818	23,767	1,304	5.49%	22,430
<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>23,767</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>5.49%</b>	<b>22,430</b>

\*Data for 14<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May is incomplete due to HSE ICT cyber attack



## Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Term 3):

The table below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Schools and Special Education facilities since the start of Term 3, beginning on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**Table 1: Results Summary for Schools Testing from 11/04/2021 – 10/07/2021\***

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Primary	671	34,714	831	2.39%	33,829
Post Primary	254	11,801	213	1.80%	11,581
Special Education	27	605	19	3.14%	582
<b>Total</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>47,120</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>2.26%</b>	<b>45,992</b>

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- Post primary school figures include data from grind schools.

## Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Term 2):

The below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Schools facilities for term 2, based on data between 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Table 13: Results Summary for Schools Testing from 08/02/2021 – 10/04/2021**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Primary	326	16,265	343	2.1%	15910
Post Primary	107	3,585	55	1.5%	3528
Special Education	24	880	25	2.8%	851
<b>Total</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>20,730</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>20,289</b>

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## Results Summary for School Facility Testing (Term 1):

The below provides a summary of the testing completed to date in Schools facilities for term 2, based on data between 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.

**Table 13: Results Summary for Schools Testing from 23/08/2020 – 02/01/2021**

Facility Type	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
<b>Childcare</b>	390	8,774	404	4.6%	8,351
<b>Primary</b>	724	24,094	720	3.0%	23,326
<b>Post Primary</b>	364	9,226	174	1.9%	9,034
<b>Special Education</b>	49	1,334	48	3.6%	1,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>43,428</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>41,994</b>

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