

Northern Ireland Office

Covid 19

Situation Report **03**

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Key Developments

Summary: Robin Swann will recommend further restrictions and there are significant increases in cases across NI, but especially in Derry Londonderry. He says it is 'inconceivable' the Executive will not follow the recommendation.

NI

- CSA highlighted the rising 7-day rate per 100,000 and suggested that - at the current rate - NI can expect the level of **Covid hospitalisation to be as high as it was at the peak of the first wave in no more than 3-6 weeks**, with a 9-10 day doubling time.
- The number of cases in the Derry Londonderry and Strabane area has continued to rise sharply in recent days - there have now been 323 positive cases per 100,000 inhabitants in the last 7 days. Robin Swann has said **further restrictions in the area are 'inevitable'**.
- In the last 24hrs, this '7-day rate' has risen to 103.6 across NI. This represents an increase of 13.1 since yesterday - while the equivalent increases for the UK and Ireland have been 3.3 and 0.1 respectively.
- There have been a further **424 new cases** in NI. This is the highest daily rise - for the fourth time in five days
- 8.7% of individuals tested in the last 24hrs have tested positive. (Up from 8.3% yesterday)
- On Tuesday, Economy Minister Diane Dodds warned that Northern Ireland "simply cannot afford another lockdown". This contrasts with Robin Swann's announcement today that a NI-wide 'circuit breaker' - a 'lockdown in all but name' - cannot be taken off the table.

GB

- Representatives from the DAs will attend Covid Operations meetings on a regular weekly basis, starting tomorrow. Tomorrow's meeting will cover shielding, and travel corridors - a briefing will be provided to SOSNI, papers are yet to be shared.

IE

- The number of cases in Ireland has risen by 363 today, a lower daily increase than yesterday (387)

Data Update

	Northern Ireland	Total UK	Ireland
Tests - Not including antibody test or ONS surveillance.	498,137 (+7,943)	22,209,600 (+245,934) [NB, we are treating this with caution]	1,180,984 (+13,303)
Cases	11,693 (+424)	453,264 (+7,108)	35,777 (+363)
Deaths	579 (+1)	42,143 (+71)	1,803 (+1)
Hospital inpatients (current)	67 (+8)	1,958 (+77) [England only - today's UK-wide data are not available]	122 (+5)
Cases per 100,000, 7 & 14 day cumulative figures	103.6 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 90.5). 161.7 (14-day cumulative figure - up from 143)	63.9 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 60.6) 107.9 (14-day cumulative figure - up from 101.9)	46.8 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 46.0) 85.5 (14-day cumulative figure - up from 85.4)