

Northern Ireland Office

Covid 19

Situation Report **30**

New information in **RED**

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Key Developments

Summary: Work continues on christmas planning and the restrictions which will be in place for the coming weeks in Northern Ireland. The 7-day rate continues to plateau around 200 per 100,000, in spite of regulations. Scotland has introduced stronger restrictions in order to improve the prospects of relaxing rules for the festive period.

NI

- UKG is focussed on an announcement for a Christmas plan next week, which may not be possible for NIE to align on as they focus on more immediate decisions.
- Peter Weir has said there are no plans to extend the Christmas holidays for NI schools, as an extended break would result in more socialising and greater spread of the virus.
- The CMO has urged people to look after their mental health this winter, encouraging people to ask for help from health and social care services.

UK

- Scotland have moved to tier 4 restrictions on the West Coast and the Central Belt. This is the highest level of restrictions and is similar to England's level 3 restrictions with the maximum extra restrictions added. Schools will remain open. Non-essential shops, pubs, restaurants, cafes (takeaway still open), gyms and close contact retail services will close. Up to two households - with no more than six people in total - can meet in a private garden or a public place, like a park.

IE

- The Irish Cabinet will today consider proposals to ban two or more people gathering outdoors to drink takeaway alcohol, a climbdown from initial plans for an outright ban on the sale of takeaway alcohol.
- Two Covid screening centres are due to open at Dublin Airport on Thursday.
- Ireland is in line to receive up to 1.6m doses of the Moderna Covid vaccine. This is in addition to the country's option to buy 3m doses of the Pfizer vaccine from the European Commission.
- Ireland's 7-day rate has increased today for the first time since 22nd October. The rate remains low at 55.

Data Update

	Northern Ireland	Total UK	Ireland
Tests - Not including antibody test or ONS surveillance.	859,284 (+5,297)	36,260,720 (+283,866) as of Sun 15th November	1,821,100 (+9,830)
Cases	47,711 (+549)	1,390,681 (+21,363)	68,356 (+456)
Deaths	878 (+9)	52,147 (+213)	1,984 (+5)
Hospital inpatients (current)	449 (+22)	14,915 (+154) UK-wide as of Thurs 12th November	273 (-3)
Cases per 100,000, 7 & 14 day cumulative figures	197.9 (7 day cumulative figure - down from 203.6) 408.1 (14-day cumulative figure - down from 415.7)	266.1 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 266.0) 505.4 (14-day cumulative figure - up from 501.8)	55.0 (7 day cumulative figure - up from 51.2) 114.3 (14-day cumulative figure - down from 120.3)

More detail on today's numbers

Rates Across NI

- The average rate of positive crosses per 100,000 over the past 7 days across Northern Ireland is now **197.9**, down from 203.6 yesterday. The 7-day rate is highest in: Causeway Coast and Glens (down to **300.8**), Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon (down to **254.1**), Mid Ulster (down to **215.6**); Fermanagh and Omagh (down to **206.3**); and Derry (up to **203.1**)

Total Individuals Positive

- A running total of **47,711** individuals have now tested positive in NI.

Age Profile of Positive Tests

- The proportion of cases in those aged 60 over the last 7 days has fallen to **21.99%**. The number of positive tests in those aged 80 and older during the last 7 days has decreased to **275**.

Hospitalisations

- There are currently **477** COVID inpatients in NI hospitals. Currently **25** of **131** ICU beds are unoccupied.

General Hospital Beds Occupancy

- Across the NI healthcare system occupancy is at **100%**, with **five of twelve hospitals operating beyond capacity**. Across the regional Trusts, there are **14** unoccupied beds.

Forward Look

	Mark/Holly could attend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 16/11	Official	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR	NIO officials meeting (All)	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR	NIO officials meeting (All)	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR
		X UK Coord meeting NR	Weekly union meeting NR	C19/NI/UK/Ireland Coord meeting NR	Vaccines NR	DHSC/CO catch-up
		Intra-UK travel meeting NR	Covid-O planning NR	Therapeutics/Devolution XWH catch-up NR	PPE meeting with CO & DHSC NR	
			Covid / Transition meeting re Health and Social Care Bill NR		Test & Trace - 4 nations comparison meeting NR	
	Ministerial/ PUS				Covid O (SoS) + Exec	
	Quad (tbc)		Cabinet (SoS) + Exec		MIn Walker/Robin Swann mtg (added 13/11)	Covid-O (SoS)
w/c 23/11	Official	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR	NIO officials meeting (All)	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR	NIO Officials meeting (All)	Four nations Local outbreaks sitrep NR
		X-UK co-ordination NR	Weekly union meeting NR	C19/NI/UK/Ireland Coord meeting NR	Vaccines NR	DHSC/CO catch-up
			Covid-O planning NR	Therapeutics NR		
	Ministerial/ PUS		Cabinet (SoS) + Exec		Covid O (SoS) + Exec	

Latest Lines / stats

- See [here](#) for the DoH dashboard with the latest numbers (updated at 2 every day, including weekend)
- See [here](#) for the Healthcare Team's latest lines on Covid
- See [here](#) for NIE press conference readouts