Northern Ireland Office

Covid 19

Situation Report 30

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Key Developments

<u>Summary:</u> 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.

<u>NI</u>

- 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.

<u>UK</u>

• 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.

<u>IE</u>

- 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.

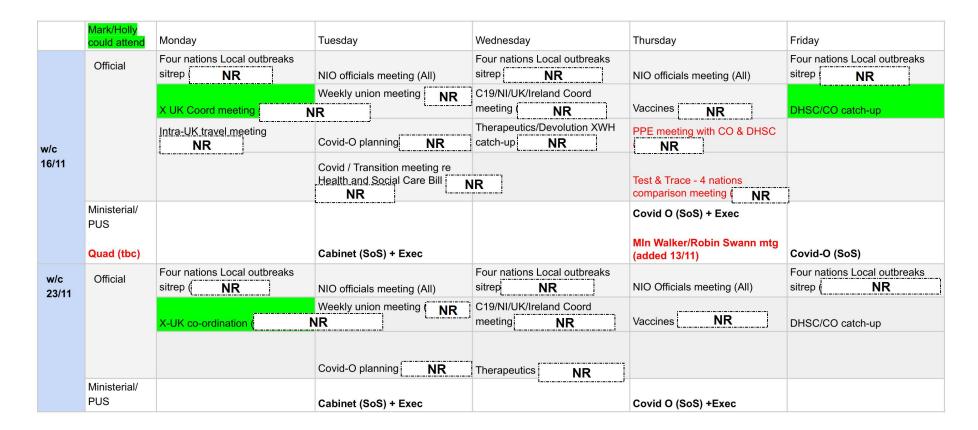
<u>Hospitalisations</u>

• 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



Latest Lines / stats

- See <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u> for NIE press conference readouts