

## Covid-19 cases in ELC/SAC settings

Information in relation to Covid-19 cases in ELC and SAC services is available from two sources, The Tusla Early Years Inspectorate and the HSE Public Health Departments. A summary of the latest data available from these sources is set out below along with a link to the HSE's mass testing reports.

### **Tusla Notifications**

In line with the Child Care Act, 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations, 2016, registered providers of early years services are obliged to notify Tusla within three working days of becoming aware of a notifiable incident, which includes the occurrence of specified infectious diseases e.g. Covid-19.

Between 1 January and 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Tusla had received **755** notifications of incidences of Covid-19 in **573** services. The majority of which were located in Dublin (**n= 377**), with **50** recorded in Cork and **42** recorded in Donegal.

### **HSE Mass Testing Reports**

The HSE publish a weekly report on mass testing in ELC/SAC services and schools. The report details the number of facilities which have been subject of mass testing, the number of individuals (adults and children) within those facilities who were referred for testing and, of those referred for testing, the numbers which had Covid-19 detected.

Data is provided for the year to date\* along with data for the most recent week.

The below extract shows the data for the year to date and for the most recent week.

ELC/SAC Services	No. Facilities	No. Tested	No. Detected	Detected %	No. Not Detected
Total – 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	779	22,772	1,233	5.41%	21,508
Week ending 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	29	229	6	2.7%	223

The full HSE Mass Testing Report can be found here –

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/covid-19-schools-mass-testing-report.html>

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

