

HPSC - Weekly Outbreak Report



Statutory Notifications of Outbreaks* reported in Ireland via the Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) system for:

Week 52, 2021

Notification Period: 26/12/2021 - 01/01/2022

Data are provisional

Report produced by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre on 12/01/2022

*COVID-19 outbreaks are not included here but published at:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/casesinireland/>



Table 1: Number of Outbreaks* and Total Number Ill by HSE Region in Week 52, 2021

HSE Region	Number of Outbreaks	Sum of Total number ill
E	0	0
HPSC	0	0
M	1	0
MW	0	0
NE	0	0
NW	0	0
S	0	0
SE	0	0
W	0	0
Total	1	0

Table 2: Number of Norovirus Outbreaks and Total Number Ill in Week 52, 2021 and for the year to date in 2021 compared with the same period last year

	Week Ending	2020	2021
	01/01/2022	Wk 1 - 52	Wk 1 - 52
Number of outbreaks of noroviral infection	0	33	11
Total number ill	0	333	145



Table 3: Summary Line Listing of Outbreaks* in Week 52, 2021

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE area	Outbreak type	Outbreak transmission mode*	Outbreak location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
30765	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	M	Family	WB	Private house	0	-



Table 4: Summary Line Listing of Outbreaks* from Week 49, 2021 to Week 52, 2021

Week 49

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
30387	Respiratory syncytial virus infection	NE	General	P-P	Nursing home	2	3
30413	Acute respiratory infection	NE	General	P-P	Residential institution		3
30450	Acute respiratory infection	NW	General	Unknown	Community Hosp. /Long-stay unit		7
30465	Acute respiratory infection	NW	General	Unknown	Nursing home		-
30449	Acute infectious gastroenteritis (unspecified)	SE	General	FB	Restaurant / Cafe		26
30454	Tuberculosis	S	Family	Airborne	Private house	1	2
30422	Shigellosis	W	Family	P-P	Private house	2	2

Week 50

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
30571	Acute infectious gastroenteritis (unspecified)	E	General	P-P	Community Hosp. /Long-stay unit		-
30590	Noroviral infection	M	General	Not Specified	Restaurant / Cafe		17
30591	Acute infectious gastroenteritis (unspecified)	M	General	Not Specified	Nursing home		7
30572	Influenza	MW	Family	P-P and Airborne	Private house	2	-
30600	Shigellosis	MW	General	P-P	Travel related	1	4
30533	Noroviral infection	NE	General	P-P	Nursing home	3	4
30561	Acute respiratory infection	NW	General	Unknown	Community Hosp. /Long-stay unit		-

Week 51

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
30641	Acute respiratory infection	NE	General	P-P	Residential institution		4
30657	Acute respiratory infection	S	General	P-P	Nursing home		24
30688	Acute respiratory infection	S	General	P-P	Hospital		13



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30765	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	M	Family	WB	Private house	0	-

Guidance notes:

1. An outbreak of infection or foodborne illness may be defined as two or more linked cases of the same illness, or the situation where the observed number of cases exceeds the expected number, or a single case of disease caused by a significant pathogen (e.g. diphtheria or viral haemorrhagic fever). Outbreaks may be confined to some of the members of one family or may be more widespread and involve cases either locally, nationally or internationally.

2. Data for this report were extracted from Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting (CIDR) on 12 January 2022, and were correct at the time that data were extracted. Information from previous weeks is updated on an ongoing basis in CIDR, therefore data in this report may be updated in future reports.

3. Data are collated and analysed using the CIDR system. Data are provisional in this report and are subject to change until final validation at the end of an outbreak.

4. The counties covered by each HSE area are as follows:

HSE East (E): Dublin, Kildare & Wicklow;

HSE Midlands (M): Laois, Longford, Offaly & Westmeath;

HSE Midwest (MW): Clare, Limerick & N. Tipperary;

HSE Northeast (NE): Cavan, Louth, Meath & Monaghan;

HSE Northwest (NW): Donegal, Leitrim & Sligo;

HSE South (S): Kerry & Cork;

HSE Southeast (SE): Carlow, Kilkenny, S. Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford;

HSE West (W): Galway, Mayo & Roscommon.

5. The following abbreviations are used when describing mode of transmission:

P-P : Person-to-Person transmission;

FB : Foodborne transmission;

WB : Waterborne transmission.

6. Total number ill does not include asymptomatic cases

7. COVID-19 outbreaks are not included here but published at:

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