

HPSC - Weekly Outbreak Report



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

Week 36, 2021

Notification Period: 05/09/2021 - 11/09/2021

Data are provisional

Report produced by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre on 22/09/2021

*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 36, 2021

HSE Region	Number of Outbreaks	Sum of Total number ill
E	2	10
HPSC	0	0
M	1	0
MW	0	0
NE	2	3
NW	0	0
S	0	0
SE	2	4
W	0	0
Total	7	17

Table 2: Number of Norovirus Outbreaks and Total Number Ill in Week 36, 2021 and for the year to date in 2021 compared with the same period last year

	Week Ending	2020	2021
	11/09/2021	Wk 1 - 36	Wk 1 - 36
Number of outbreaks of noroviral infection	1	33	1
Total number ill	10	333	10



Table 3: Summary Line Listing of Outbreaks* in Week 36, 2021

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE area	Outbreak type	Outbreak transmission mode*	Outbreak location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
27936	Acute infectious gastroenteritis (unspecified)	NE	General	P-P	Residential institution	1	2
28043	Clostridium difficile infection	SE	General	P-P	Hospital	2	2
28018	Giardia species	E	Family	Unknown	Private house	4	-
27876	Noroviral infection	E	General	Unknown	Hospital		10
28028	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	M	Family	Not Specified	Not Specified	1	-
27987	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	NE	Family	P-P	Private house	2	1
28051	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	SE	Family	WB	Private house	2	2



Table 4: Summary Line Listing of Outbreaks* from Week 33, 2021 to Week 36, 2021

Week 33

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
27544	Salmonellosis	HPSC	General	Unknown	Community outbreak	1	3
27545	Salmonellosis	HPSC	General	Unknown	Community outbreak	1	3
27548	Salmonellosis	HPSC	General	Unknown	Community outbreak	1	3
27541	Salmonellosis	HPSC	General	FB	Community outbreak		6

Week 34

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
27682	Hepatitis A (acute)	E	Family	Not Specified	Other	3	-
27719	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	M	Family	Not Specified	Private house		-
27646	Acute infectious gastroenteritis (unspecified)	SE	General	P-P	Nursing home		4
27707	Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) infection or colonisation	S	General	P-P	Hospital		-

Week 35

Outbreak ID	Disease/Organism	HSE Region	Type	Transmission mode*	Location	Total Lab Confirmed	Total Number ill
27822	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	M	Family	Not Specified	Not Specified	2	-
27839	Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infection	SE	General	P-P and WB	Community outbreak	20	7

Week 36

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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 22 September 2021, 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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