

## COVID-19 Outbreaks/Clusters in Ireland Interim Weekly Report

Week 32 2021 (08/08/2021 - 14/08/2021)

**Note: Data are provisional and confidential**

**This report includes data on COVID-19 outbreaks notified to Departments of Public Health up to midnight 14/08/2021 and provided to HPSC by eight regional Departments of Public Health. Report prepared by COVID-19 Epidemiology Team, HPSC on 17/08/2021.**

As a result of the current disruptions to the HSE IT systems, the Computerised Infectious Diseases Reporting System (CIDR) is not available for statutory notification of infectious diseases, including COVID-19. Public Health and surveillance staff in regional Departments of Public Health are manually collecting and collating data on COVID-19 outbreaks/clusters and providing this information to HPSC on a daily and weekly basis.

The following report provides information on COVID-19 outbreaks/clusters notified to regional Departments of Public Health during epidemiological week 32 2021 (week ending August 14<sup>th</sup>). Please note, there may be limitations to the available data and family outbreaks are not included in this report due to the high volume of these outbreak type. Data are provisional and subject to ongoing review, validation and updating.

**Sincere thanks are extended to all those who are participating in the collection of data and reporting of data used in this report, particularly under the current challenging circumstances.** This includes the HSE COVID-19 Contact Management Programme (CMP), staff in ICU units, notifying clinicians, laboratory staff, Public Health doctors, Nurses, Surveillance Scientists, Microbiologists and Administrative staff.

### Key Points (Week 32 2021):

- Aggregate data on 129 outbreaks were reported to HPSC by regional Departments of Public Health for week 32 2021 (Table 1a, Table 2a, Table 3a)
- Twelve new nursing home outbreaks were reported with 121 confirmed linked cases
- One new community hospital/long-term care facility outbreak was reported with three confirmed linked cases
- There were five new acute hospital outbreaks reported with 12 confirmed linked cases
- There were six new residential institution outbreaks reported with 21 confirmed linked cases, one in a centre for disabilities, one in a direct provision centre, one in a homeless facility, one in a non-specified residential facility and two in children's/TUSLA residential centre
- There was one new outbreak in other healthcare services with four confirmed linked cases

- Twenty-nine workplace outbreaks were reported with 111 confirmed linked cases; including three in the meat/poultry processing sector, four in other food production and processing, five in construction sector and 17 in 'other' workplaces
- Fourteen outbreaks were reported in childcare facilities with 62 confirmed linked cases
- There were no new outbreaks reported in schools
- There were no new university/college related outbreaks
- Two travel-related (one flight associated with three cases) outbreak was reported with 12 confirmed linked cases
- Seven outbreaks associated with social gatherings were reported with 36 confirmed linked cases. There were three religious/other ceremony with 42 confirmed linked cases
- There was one new community outbreak reported with seven confirmed linked cases.
- There were six outbreaks related to retail with 16 confirmed linked cases
- There were four outbreaks related to hotels with nine confirmed linked cases
- There were fifteen restaurant/café outbreaks with 54 confirmed linked cases
- There were seven outbreaks related to public houses with 13 confirmed linked cases
- The remaining 16 outbreaks were across other locations: personal grooming services (n=2); transport (n=1); sporting activities/fitness (n=4); guesthouse/B&B (n=1); other recreation activity (n=2); extended family (n=3); private houses (n=1)<sup>1</sup> and other locations (n=2)

There were seven outbreaks reported in vulnerable groups/key populations (Table 1b, 2b and 3b):

- There were five reported outbreaks (extended family=2, private house=1, other=1; residential institution=1) involving Irish Travellers with 48 confirmed cases.
- There was one reported outbreak in asylum seekers / refugees with three confirmed linked cases.
- There was one reported outbreak in the homeless population with six confirmed linked cases.

Figure 1 summarises the number of outbreaks notified by outbreak category since week 26.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Health are prioritising the reporting of outbreaks in other settings. Therefore, the number of private house outbreaks is underestimated

**Table 1a:** Number of newly notified COVID-19 outbreaks in Ireland by outbreak location and HSE area, week 32 2021

Outbreak category	Location	Sub-Location	HSE-E	HSE-M	HSE-MW	HSE-NE	HSE-NW	HSE-SE	HSE-S	HSE-W	HPSC	Total	
Healthcare and residential	Nursing home	n/a	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	12	
	Community hospital/Long-stay unit	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	Acute Hospital	n/a	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	
	Residential institution	<b>Total residential institution</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	
		Centre for disabilities	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Children's/TUSLA residential centre	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
		Direct Provision Centre	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		Homeless facility	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Other healthcare service	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Workplace	Workplace	<b>Total workplace</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	
		Meat/poultry production and processing	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	
		Other food production and processing	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	
		Construction	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	
		Other workplace type	1	0	0	6	2	0	7	1	0	17	
Educational	School	<b>Total school</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
	Childcare facility	n/a	8	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	14	
	University/College	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Travel	Travel related	<b>Total travel related</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
		Flights	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
		Other international conveyance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		Not specified	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Social and recreational	Religious/Other ceremony	n/a	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	
	Social gathering	n/a	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	7	
	Sporting activity/fitness	n/a	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	
	Other recreation activity	n/a	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Other	Transport	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	Personal grooming service	n/a	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	
	Retail outlet	n/a	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Hospitality	Restaurant/Café	n/a	5	0	0	2	0	4	2	2	0	15	
	Hotel	n/a	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	
	Guesthouse/B&B		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
	Public House	n/a	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	7	
Community	Community outbreak		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Additional outbreak locations of note		<b>Private house</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
		<b>Extended family</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	
		<b>Other/not specified</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>129</b>	

**Table 1b:** Number of newly reported COVID-19 outbreaks in Ireland by vulnerable group/key population and HSE area, week 32 2021

Vulnerable groups/Key populations*	HSE-E	HSE-M	HSE-MW	HSE-NE	HSE-NW	HSE-SE	HSE-S	HSE-W	HPSC	Total
Irish Travellers	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Third level students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asylum seekers / refugees	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
People with addictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homeless	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

\*One or more of these outbreaks in vulnerable groups/key populations may have occurred in the locations in Table 1a and thus may already have been counted.

**Table 2a:** Total number of newly notified COVID-19 outbreaks and associated cases in Ireland by outbreak location, week 32 2021

Outbreak category	Location	Sub-Location	Number of outbreaks notified this week	Number of confirmed cases	Range in number of confirmed cases
Healthcare and residential	Nursing home	n/a	12	121	2-47
	Community hospital/Long-stay unit	n/a	1	3	3
	Acute Hospital*	n/a	5	12	0-7
	Residential institution	<b>Total residential institution</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2-8</b>
		Centre for disabilities	1	8	8
		Children's/TUSLA residential centre	2	5	2-3
		Direct Provision Centre	1	3	3
		Homeless facility	1	2	2
		Other	1	3	3
	<b>Other healthcare service</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Workplace	Workplace	<b>Total workplace</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1-18</b>
		Meat/poultry production and processing	3	18	1-13
		Other food production and processing	4	9	2-3
		Construction	5	38	1-18
		Other workplace type	17	46	2-7
Educational	School	<b>Total school</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	Childcare facility*	n/a	14	62	0-9
	University/College	n/a	0	0	0
Travel	Travel related	<b>Total travel related</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3-9</b>
		Flights	1	3	3
		Other international conveyance	0	0	N/A
		Not specified	1	9	9
Social and recreational	Religious/Other ceremony*	n/a	3	42	0-22
	Social gathering*	n/a	7	36	0-10
	Sporting activity/fitness*	n/a	4	10	0-6
Other	Transport	n/a	1	5	5
	Personal grooming service*	n/a	2	4	2-2
	Retail outlet	n/a	6	16	2-5
Hospitality	Restaurant/Café*	n/a	15	54	0-9
	Hotel	n/a	4	9	2-3
	Guesthouse/B&B		1	6	6
	Public House*	n/a	7	13	0-3
Community	Community outbreak		1	7	7
Additional outbreak locations of note		Private house	1	6	6
		Extended family	3	26	4-15
		Other/not specified	2	24	3-21
<b>Total</b>			<b>129</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>0-47</b>

\*one outbreak has no linked cases as of yet

**Table 2b:** Total number of newly notified COVID-19 outbreaks and associated cases in Ireland by vulnerable group/key population, week 32 2021

<b>Vulnerable groups/Key populations*</b>	<b>Number of outbreaks notified this week</b>	<b>Number of confirmed cases</b>	<b>Range in number of confirmed cases</b>
<b>Irish Travellers</b>	5	48	2-21
<b>Roma</b>	0	0	N/A
<b>Third level students</b>	0	0	N/A
<b>Asylum seekers / refugees</b>	1	3	3
<b>People with addictions</b>	0	0	N/A
<b>Homeless</b>	1	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2-21</b>

\*One or more of these outbreaks in vulnerable groups/key populations may have occurred in the locations in Table 2a and thus may already have been counted.

**Table 3a:** Total number of newly notified COVID-19 outbreaks and associated cases in Ireland by outbreak location, weeks 26 to 32 2021 (wave 4)

Outbreak category	Location	Sub-Location	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30	Week 31	Week 32	Total number outbreaks	Total number of cases	Range
Healthcare and residential	Nursing home	n/a	0	0	1	0	3	4	12	20	213	1-50
	Community hospital/Long-stay unit	n/a	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	5	2-3
	Acute Hospital	n/a	1	1	4	5	3	6	5	25	126	0-31
	Residential institution	<b>Total residential institution</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1-8</b>
		Addiction services	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
		Centre for disabilities	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	5	18	2-8
		Centre for older people	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
		Children's/TUSLA residential centre	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	8	1-3
		Direct Provision Centre	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	14	2-5
		Homeless facility	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	10	2-4
		Mental Health facility	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	1-2
		Prison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
		Women/children's refuge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
	Halting site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	
	Not specified/Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	3-3	
	<b>Other healthcare service</b>	n/a	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	9	29	2-4
Workplace	Workplace	<b>Total workplace</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>0-73</b>
		Meat/poultry production and processing	0	0	0	3	2	2	3	10	187	0-73
		Other food production and processing	2	0	1	1	8	5	4	21	68	0-12
		Construction	4	7	10	3	6	0	5	33	124	1-18
		Not specified/other workplace type	13	15	26	23	17	13	17	121	324	0-9
Educational	School	<b>Total school</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>0-22</b>
		Primary	25	7	3	0	0	0	0	35	181	0-22
		Post-primary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
		Special education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
		Not specified	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	12	1-6
		Childcare facility	n/a	2	8	11	18	12	16	14	81	351
	University/College	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Travel	Travel related	<b>Total travel related</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1-11</b>
		Flights	2	4	7	0	5	1	1	20	65	2-11
		Other international conveyance	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4
		Not specified	3	4	3	0	2	0	1	13	42	1-9
Social and recreational	Religious/Other ceremony	n/a	0	2	1	0	4	4	3	14	121	0-22
	Social gathering		17	8	14	7	15	12	7	80	318	0-13
	Sporting activity/fitness	n/a	2	4	3	11	9	5	4	38	115	0-15

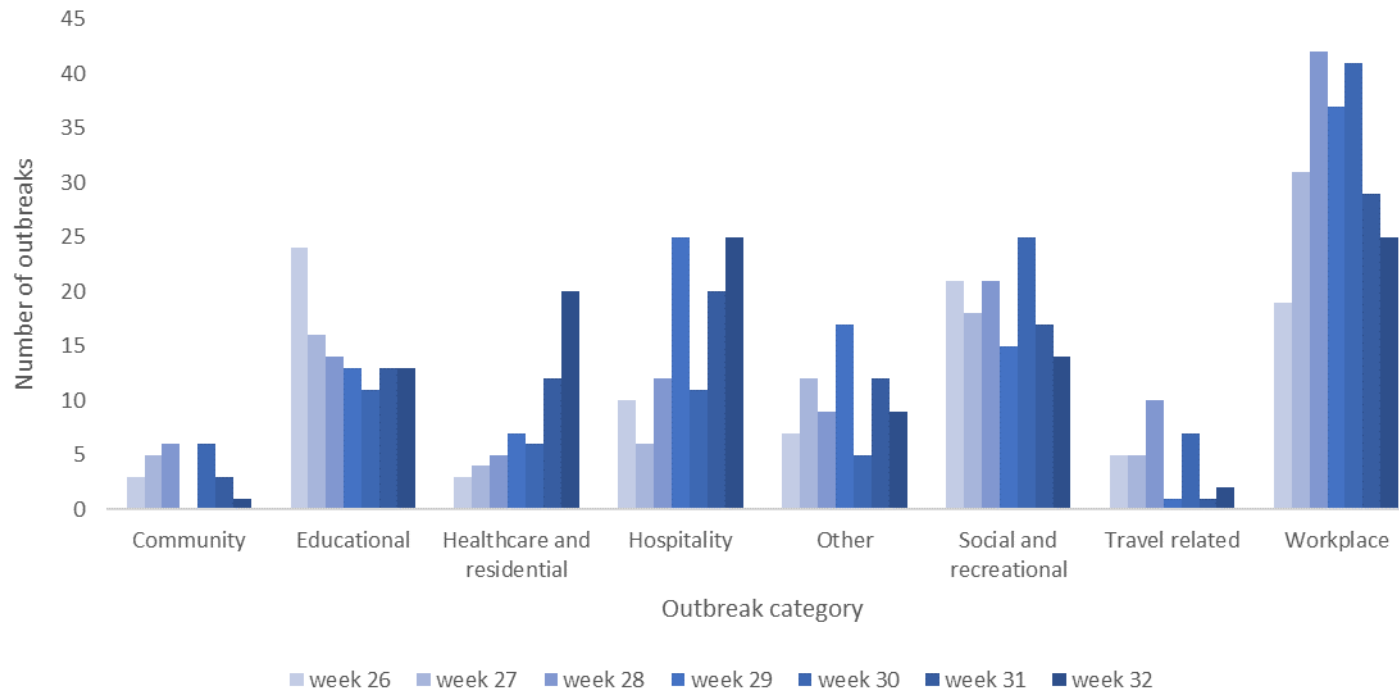
	Other recreation/activity	n/a	0	3	0	2	2	2	2	11	41	0-12
Community	Community outbreak		3	7	7	0	7	4	1	29	249	0-41
Other	Transport	n/a	3	2	3	3	4	0	1	16	45	1-5
	Personal grooming service	n/a	2	1	3	2	1	4	2	15	25	0-3
	Retail outlet	n/a	7	13	5	22	8	12	6	75	220	0-11
Hospitality	Restaurant/Café	n/a	5	8	4	13	8	15	15	68	182	0-9
	Hotel	n/a	3	5	9	14	8	5	4	48	198	0-21
	Guesthouse/B&B	n/a	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	8	25	0-7
	Public house	n/a	6	3	5	5	7	4	7	37	115	0-12
Additional outbreaks of note	Private house	n/a	57	60	61	8	9	3	1	199	527	0-9
	Extended family	n/a	5	7	6	5	0	0	2	26	193	1-53
	Other/not specified	n/a	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	9	43	1-21
<b>Total</b>			<b>172</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1093</b>	<b>4219</b>	<b>0-73</b>

**Table 3b:** Number of newly reported outbreaks in Ireland by vulnerable group/key population and HSE area, week 26 to 32 2021

Vulnerable groups/Key populations	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30	Week 31	Week 32	Total number outbreaks	Total number of cases	Range
Irish Travellers	2	3	2	3	8	4	5	27	239	2-53
Roma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Third level students	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Asylum seekers / refugees	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	6	20	2-5
People with addictions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
Homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2-53</b>

\*One or more of these outbreaks in vulnerable groups/key populations may have occurred in the locations in Table 3a and thus may already have been counted.





**Figure 1:** Total number of notified COVID-19 outbreaks in Ireland by outbreak category, weeks 26-32 2021

The outbreak categories are classified as follows - Healthcare and residential: nursing home, community hospital/long-stay unit, acute hospital, centre for disabilities, mental health facility, other residential settings, other healthcare services. Workplace: meat/poultry production and processing, other food production and processing, construction, other workplace type, workplace not specified. Education: childcare facility, primary school, post-primary school, special educational facilities, University/college. Social and recreational: religious/other ceremony, social gathering, sporting activity/fitness, other recreation activity. Hospitality: restaurant/café, hotel, public house, guesthouse/B&B. Other: transport, personal grooming service, retail outlet.