

## COVID-19 Reporting from Long-term Residential Care Centres for Adults with Disability April-May 2020

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/coronavirus-75-care-homes-at-status-red-outbreak-1.4238393>

26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Irish times reported that HSE confirmed 82 COVID-19 Outbreaks in disability centres, up from 32 cases on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

<https://www.rte.ie/news/2020/0427/1134964-disabilities-coronavirus/>

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 RTE reported 82 COVID-19 outbreaks in Long Term Residential Facilities for people with disabilities.

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Inclusion Ireland meeting with Minister for Health Simon Harris.

<http://www.inclusionireland.ie/content/news-items/1852/inclusion-ireland-meeting-minister-health>

Among key points, in relation to data and sharing of information:

- 90% of disability services are COVID-19 free and the other 10% are so far coping with their outbreaks. Sadly, 10 people have passed away due to COVID-19.  
(10% represents approx. 100 to 110 registered centres\*)
- The Minister is to ask the HPSC to publish disaggregated data to indicate the levels of COVID-19 in disability services.
- The HSE is to develop a protocol for informing families if their family member lives in a setting where someone has contracted COVID-19.

\* HIQA Annual Report 2018 published May 2019.

[https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/2019-05/HIQA-Annual-Report-2018-\(WEB\).pdf](https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/2019-05/HIQA-Annual-Report-2018-(WEB).pdf)

As of 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2018 there were 1183 registered designated residential centres for children and adults with disabilities. 1067 centres were adult only services.

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

<https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0429/1135689-coronavirus-ireland-figures/>

29<sup>th</sup> April 2020 RTE reports **16 deaths in disability centres**

"The figures also show there were 3,244 deaths in nursing homes between January and April this year. There were 73 fatalities occurred in disability centres and 51 in mental health care centres. Of these, Covid-19 accounted for 586 deaths in nursing homes, 16 in disability centres and 14 in mental health centres.

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## Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

On 1<sup>st</sup> May [www.Gov.ie](http://www.Gov.ie) published Department of Health Data from Long Term Residential Care Facilities. 16 deaths in disability facilities due to COVID-19 (confirmed and probable) reported.

## Mortality Census of Long-Term Residential Care Facilities: 1 January - 19 April 2020

Mortality Census of Long Term Residential Care Facilities  
1 Jan – 19 April 2020



	COVID-19 Lab confirmed deaths	COVID-19 Probable deaths	Total COVID-19 deaths	All deaths
Nursing Homes	376	209	585	3,243
Disability	8	8	16	73
Mental Health*	10	4	14	51
Total	394	221	615	3,367

\* Includes multiple responses from houses in the community – central validation of response rate in process



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

<https://www.thejournal.ie/disability-settings-covid-19-outbreaks-5090731-May2020/>

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 Journal.ie reports there have been 100 outbreaks of Covid-19 cases confirmed in disability services across the country and 36 in mental health facilities, the HSE has said. This is an increase from 82 outbreaks reported the previous Sunday.

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

<https://www.gov.ie/en/news/7e0924-latest-updates-on-covid-19-coronavirus/#breakdown-of-the-1375-deaths>

The Department of Health update, reported on [www.Gov.ie](http://www.Gov.ie) reports 400 clusters, 5370 cases and 857 deaths in community residential settings. Analysis provided for Nursing Homes but no further breakdown of data to allow assessment of situation in other community residential settings (168 clusters, 1102 cases and 117 deaths).

DOH reports – “400 clusters have been identified in community residential settings, 232 of which were in nursing homes

- 5370 cases have been identified in community residential settings, 4268 of which were in nursing homes

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- there have been 857 COVID-19-related deaths in community residential settings (62.3% of all COVID-19-related deaths), 740 of which were in nursing homes (53.8% of all COVID-19-related deaths)“

### Summary of Reporting of COVID-19 in Disability Centres

Date	Outbreaks	Cases	Clusters	Deaths	Confirmed	Probable	Source
13 <sup>th</sup> April	32						Irish Times
26 <sup>th</sup> April	82						Irish Times
27 <sup>th</sup> April	100-110			10			Minister for Health
29 <sup>th</sup> April				16			RTE News
1 <sup>st</sup> May				16	8	8	DOH
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	100						Journal.ie
6 <sup>th</sup> May							

**Outbreak:** a single case of disease caused by a significant pathogen (e.g. diphtheria or viral haemorrhagic fever, covid-19) or two or more linked cases of the same illness or the situation where the observed number of cases exceeds the expected number. Outbreaks may be confined to some of the members of one family or may be more widespread and involve cases either locally,

Outbreak can also mean a sudden increase in cases of a disease nationally or internationally.

**Cluster:** Sometimes groups of cases are confirmed in the same area, for example in a hospital or nursing home. These are known as clusters of cases.