

HSE COVID-19 Test and Trace Briefing

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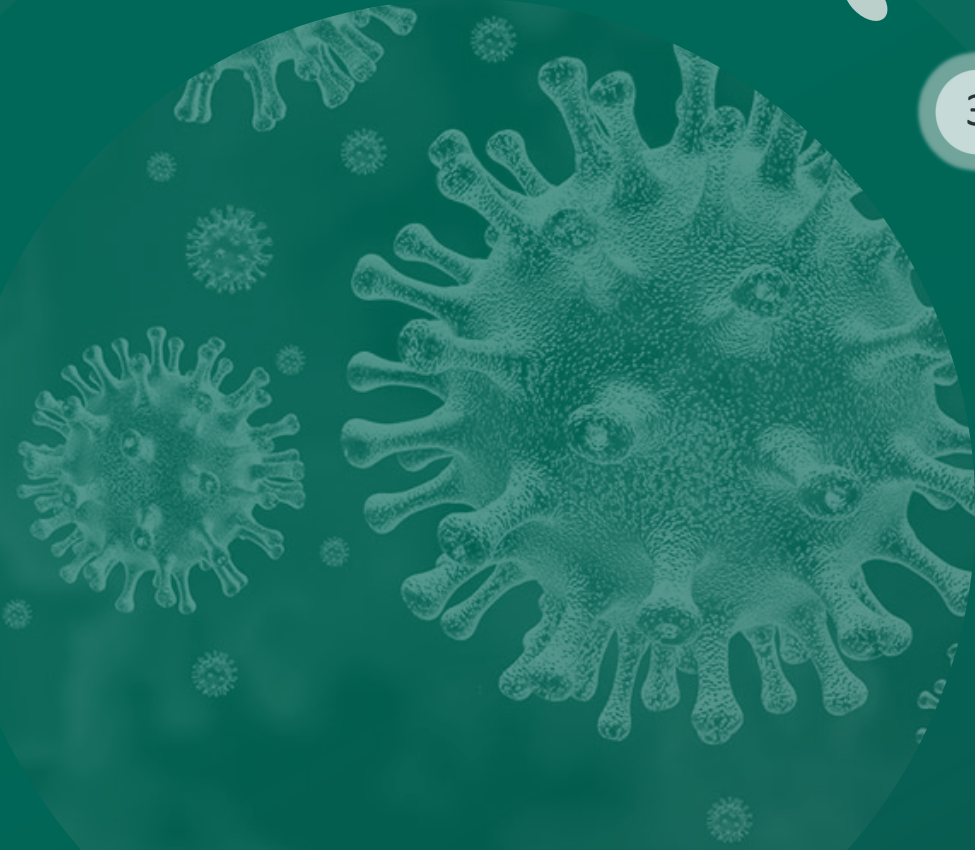
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Test and Trace Headlines



1.1 day

Community - median end to end TAT for a not detected result



1.9 days

Community - median end to end for a detected result



c.111,859

Total number of swabs taken last week



c.117,841

Total number of laboratory tests last week



c.5,190

Calls made to close contacts last week

Note: The above TaT and volume metrics refer to the seven day date range from 9th – 15th June.

A circular inset image showing a microscopic view of coronavirus particles. The particles are spherical with a textured surface and numerous spike-like protrusions. They are set against a dark background with some smaller, less distinct particles scattered around. The inset is framed by a thin white border.

1. Testing Volumes and Turnaround Times



Test and Trace Volumes

The following metrics and turnaround times refer to the seven days from 9th – 15th June.



- **Total Community Referrals (including walk-ins)** were c.60,405, which has decreased by 8.2% in comparison to the same time-frame last week (2nd – 8th June; c.65,803 total referrals).



Total Swabs Completed

From the 9th – 15th June, c.111,859 swabs were completed across community, walk-in, serial testing and acute sites.



Lab Tests and Detected Rate from 9th – 15th June

- There was c.117,841 lab tests completed in community and private settings over the past week.
- The average detected rate over the past week is **approximately 2.7%**.



Contact Tracing

- Over the last 7 days, of those tested with close contacts, the average number **close contacts was 3.9 per person**.
- From 9th – 15th June a total of 2,177 calls were completed to inform individuals of their detected COVID-19 test result.
- From 9th – 15th June, contact tracing was completed for c.1,969 individuals that had a confirmed COVID-19 case
- In addition, c.5,190 calls were made to close contacts.



Test and Trace Turnaround Times

The following metrics and turnaround times refer to the 7 day date range from 9th – 15th June.



Turnaround Times

- The combined median time from swab to lab result in community and acute settings was **22 hours**.
- All contact tracing calls are completed within a **mean of 9.1 hours** and a **median of 6.4 hours**.
- In the last seven days, in the community, we have delivered a **median end to end turnaround time of 1.1 day for not detected results**.
- In the last seven days, in the community, we have delivered a **median end to end turnaround time of 1.9 days for detected results**.

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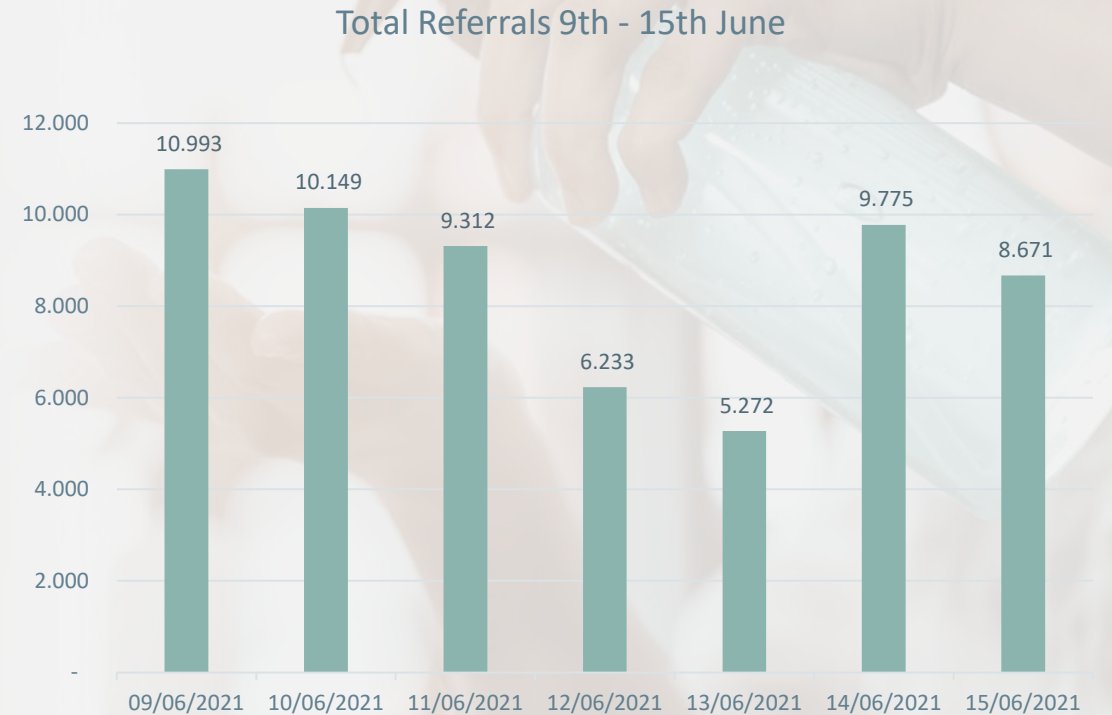
2. Testing and Trace Trends



Total Community Referrals

(Including walk-ins)

- From the 9th – 15th June, there were a total of **c.60,405** Community Referrals (including walk-ins). This weekly total has **decreased by 8.2%** in comparison to the same time-period last week (2nd – 8th June; c.65,803 total referrals).
- The graph to the right shows a daily breakdown of **total community and walk-in referrals** over the past 7 days.





Self-Referral Portal Pilot

There are currently 19 self-referral COVID 19 testing sites in operation.

As of the 15th of June:

- The overall positivity rate at self-referral sites over the past 7 days was 5.5%.
- The age group with the highest positivity rate was the 15-24 year old group (9.4%).
- The highest positivity rates at self-referral sites have been seen in Letterkenny (10.4%) and Galway (10.3%).

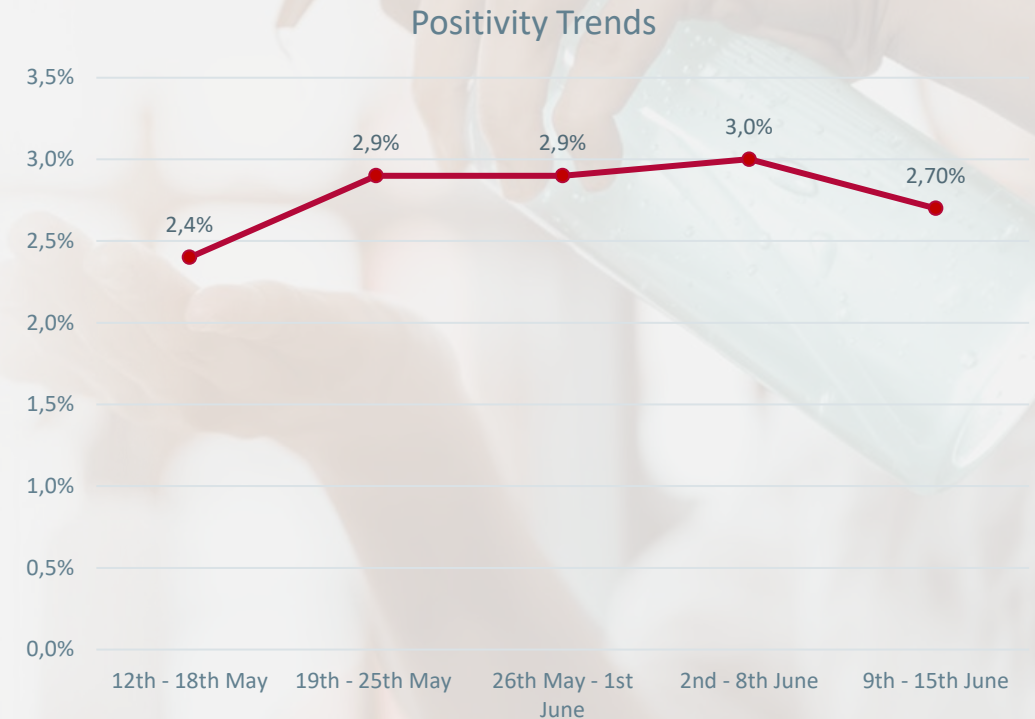




Overall Positivity Trend

c.2.7%

- The positivity rate for the past seven days is **c.2.7%**
- The positivity rate has decreased slightly in comparison to the same time-period last week (3.0%)



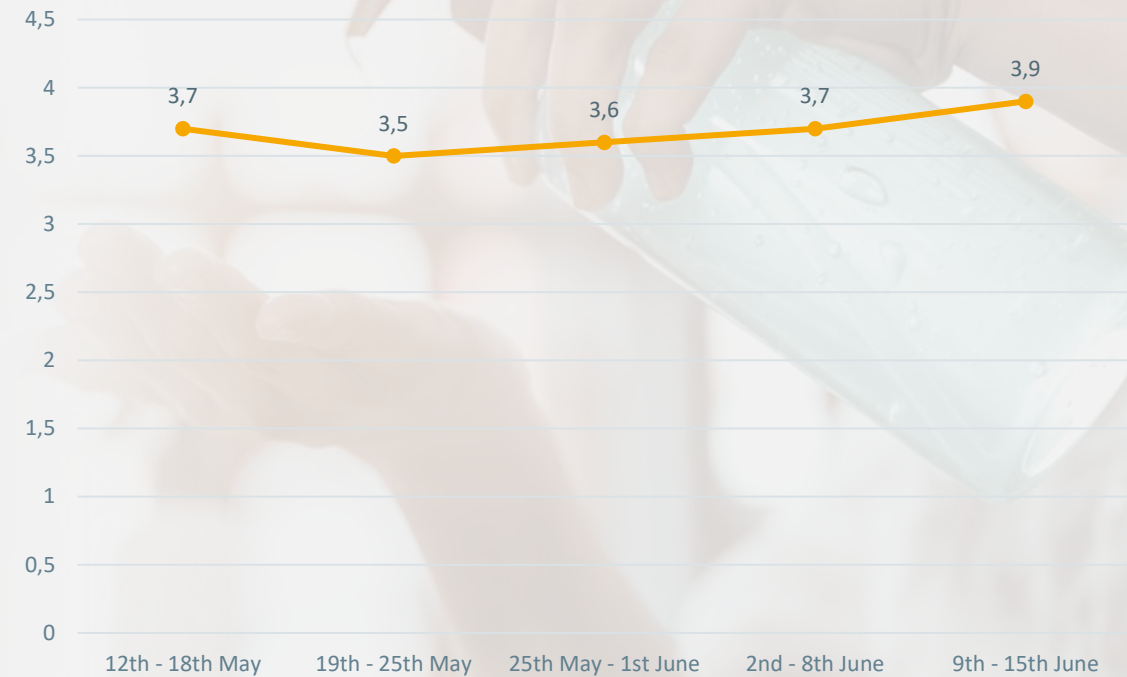


Close Contacts Trend

3.9

Over the last 7 days, of those tested with at least one close contact, the mean number of close contacts per person was **3.9**

Mean Close Contacts: Week on Week Average



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3. Testing Programmes

Serial Testing in Nursing Homes

Cycle 12 of serial testing for Nursing Homes commenced on 24th of May.

In Cycle 12;



528 facilities have been tested

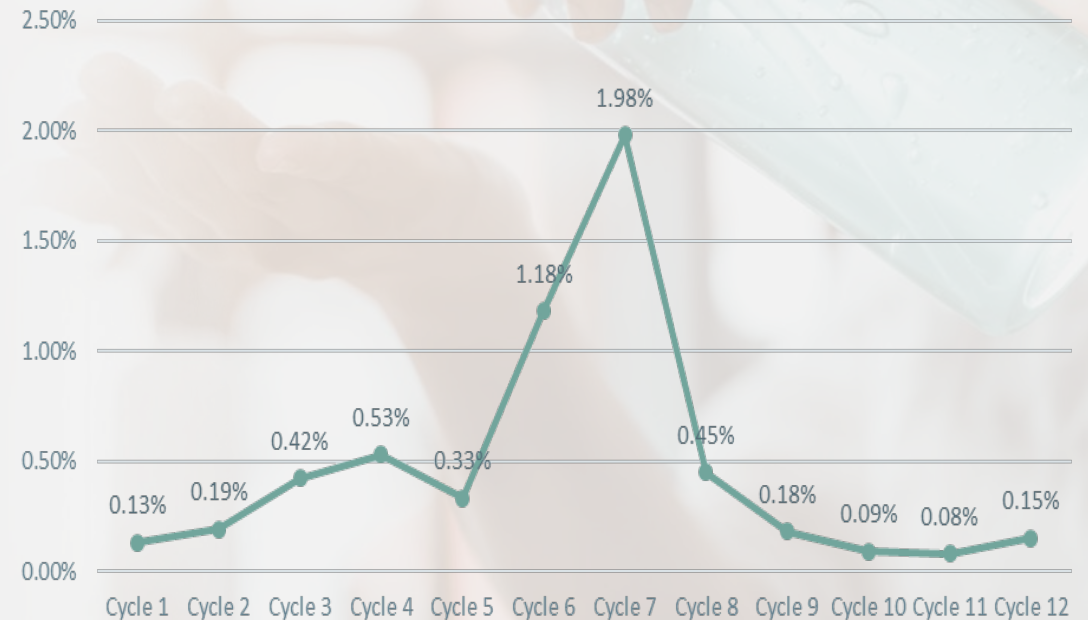


30,208 tests have been completed



44 detected cases identified
(0.15% detected rate)

Nursing Home Detected Rate per Cycle





Serial Testing in Mental Health Facilities

Cycle 5 of serial testing for Mental Health Facilities commenced on 24th of May.

In Cycle 5;



20 facilities have been tested

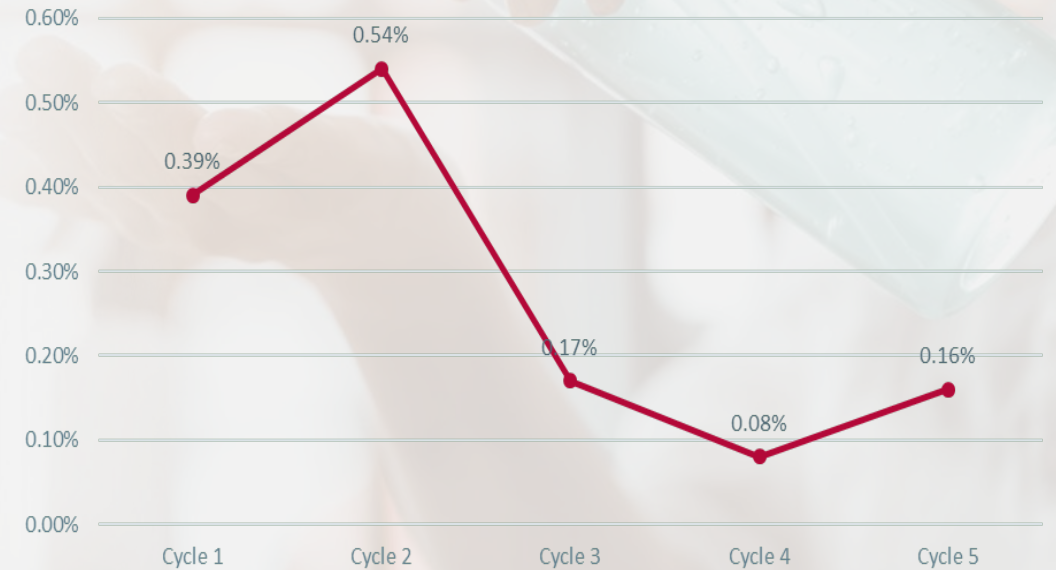


615 tests have been completed



1 detected cases identified
(0.16% detected rate)

Mental Health Facilities Detected Rate per Cycle





Serial Testing in Food Production Facilities

Cycle 10 of serial testing for Food Production Facilities commenced on 31st of May.

In Cycle 10;



51 facilities have been tested

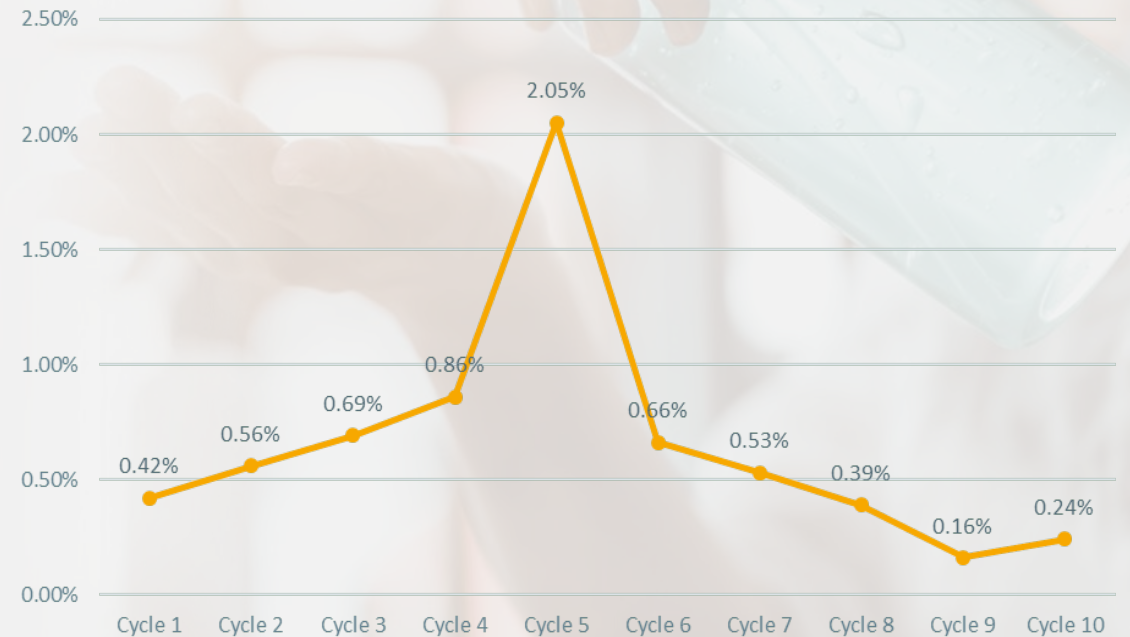


10,087 tests have been completed



24 detected cases identified
(0.24% detected rate)

Food Production Detected Rate per Cycle





Mandatory Hotel Quarantine Testing

- All passengers arriving into Ireland from designated states are required to pre-book accommodation in a designated quarantine facility.
- Testing resources have been made available in Quarantine Facilities since 26th March 2021, and are available on a daily basis to accommodate the testing of all new arrivals.
- The scope of testing includes:
 - Testing of passengers arriving into Ireland from Category 2 Countries on Day 0 and Day 10
 - Testing of passengers arriving into Ireland from Category 1 Countries that have not been able to produce a negative result
 - Testing of Quarantine Hotel Staff on a weekly basis

Total Hotel Quarantine Swabs as of June 15th:

Hotel Staff

3,034 swabs complete

Quarantine Residents

9,035 swabs complete

Detected Cases To Date

276



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4. Recruitment



Recruitment as of 10th May

798

Community
Swabbers

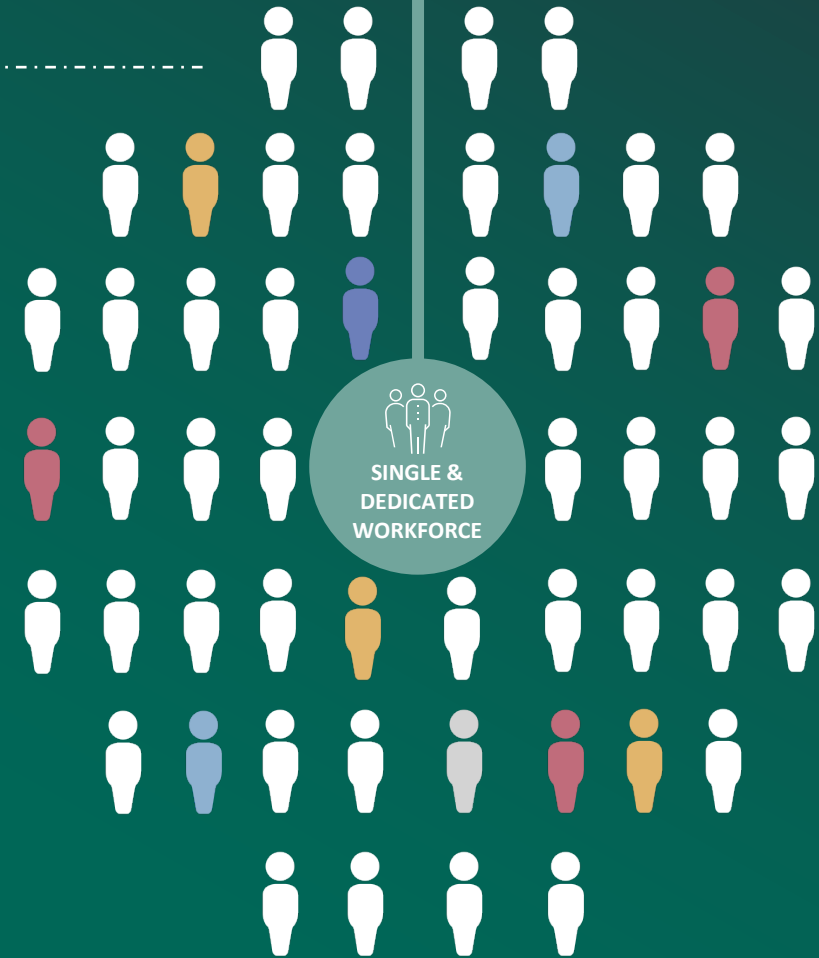
Recruited and Onboarded

938

Staff supporting
Contact Tracing

Of these 938 staff;
885 of these staff have been hired
and retained as part of
dedicated workforce to support
the contact tracing function

The remaining 53 staff are redeployed
from the HSE and other Public Service
Roles





New Government Guidance on Passengers from Great Britain

Following the new Public Health guidance which applies to all arriving passengers from Great Britain, the HSE will undertake new additional measures as outlined below:

- Accept referrals for the Day 10 test for passengers with a travel history of arriving from Great Britain.
- Enhanced contact tracing measures have been put in place for all detected positive cases of COVID-19 with a travel history extending back 14 days and their close contacts.
- Enhanced Public Health measures and investigations are also being implemented to ensure that all efforts are being taken to trace and contain transmission for any case which has a suspicion of being a variant of concern.





Conclusion



Over the past seven days, the overall **positivity rate is 2.7%**.



Our median end to end turnaround time is **1.9 days for detected cases and 1.1 days for not detected cases**.



Total Community Referral Volumes have **decreased by 8.2%** in comparison to the same time-period last week

