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An update of COVID-19 in the Mid-West

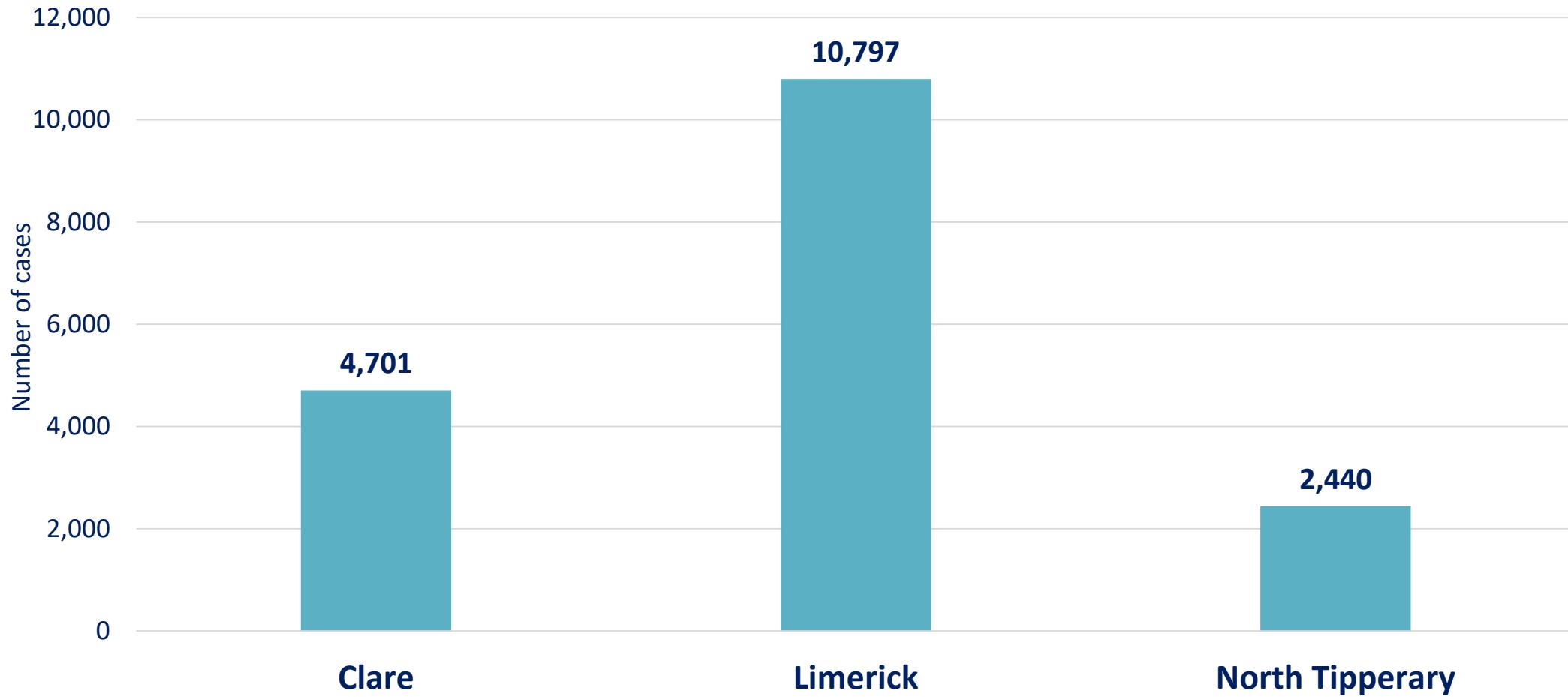
Dr Mai Mannix
22 March 2021

The story so far

- There were 17,938 confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified to the Department of Public Health Mid-West between the 4th March 2020 and the 17th March 2021
- There were 8,122 cases in 2020 and 9,816 cases so far in 2021
- All data presented are provisional and subject to change



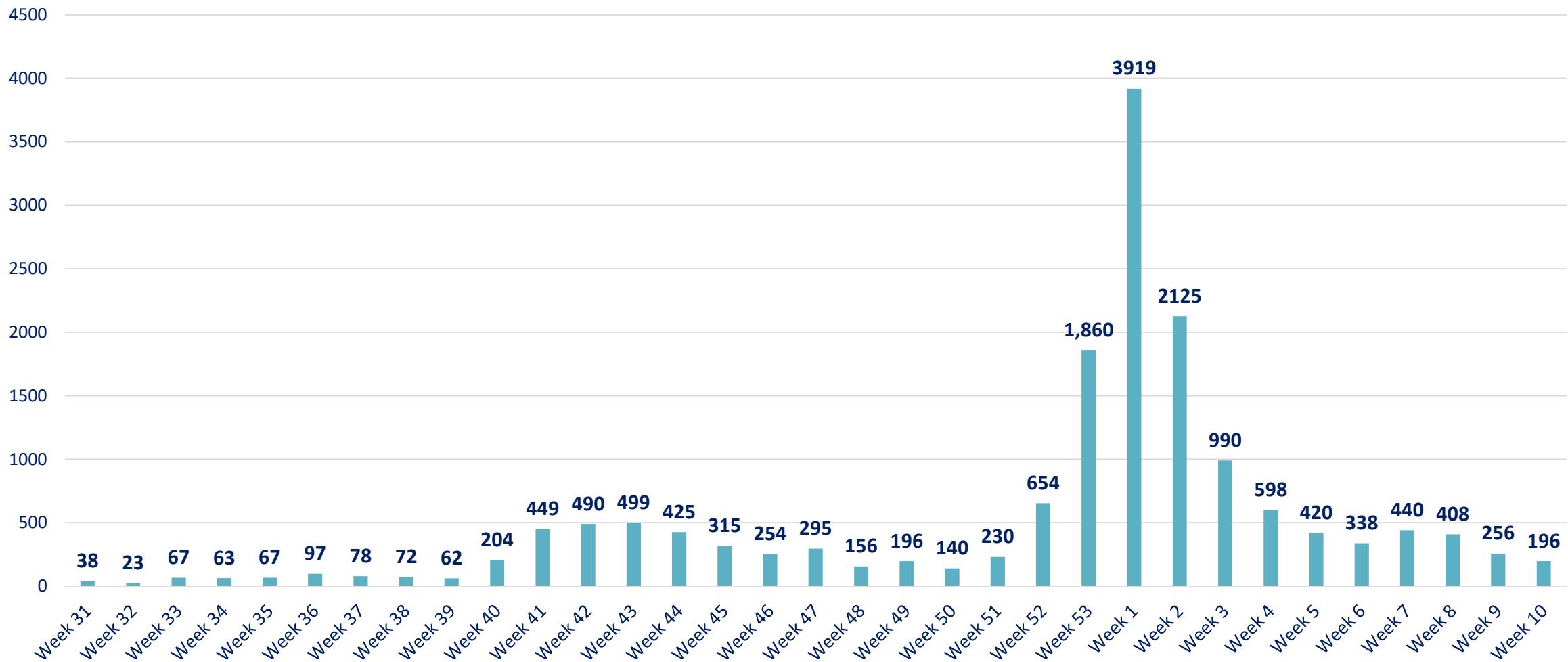
Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases up to 17th March 2021



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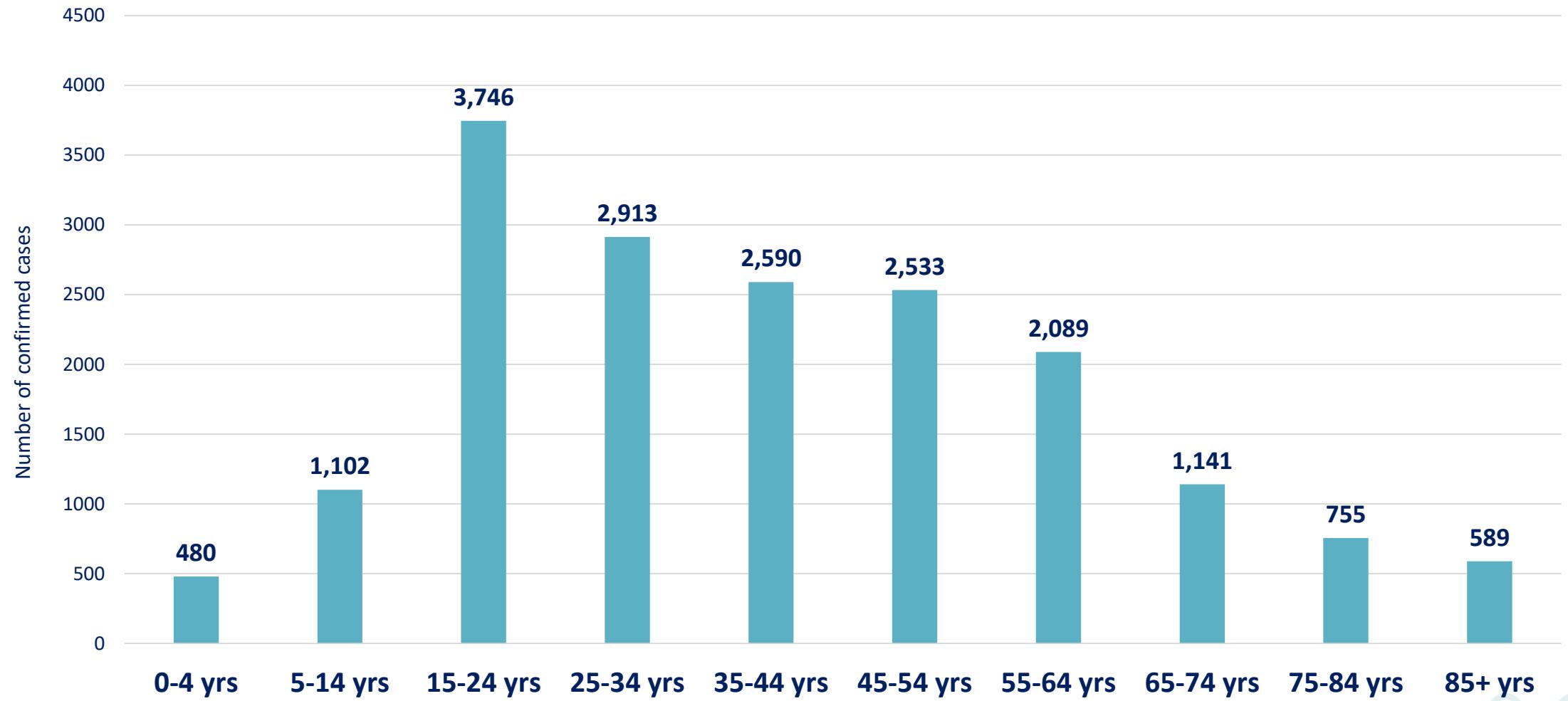


Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases per week since August 2020 in the Mid-West



- Week 31 is week ending 01/08/2020 and 10 is week ending 13/03/2021

Age profile of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Mid-West up to 17th March 2021



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- Of the confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Mid-West
 - 1,111 were hospitalised
 - 78 were admitted to ICU
 - Over half (55.2%) of hospitalised cases were aged 65 years

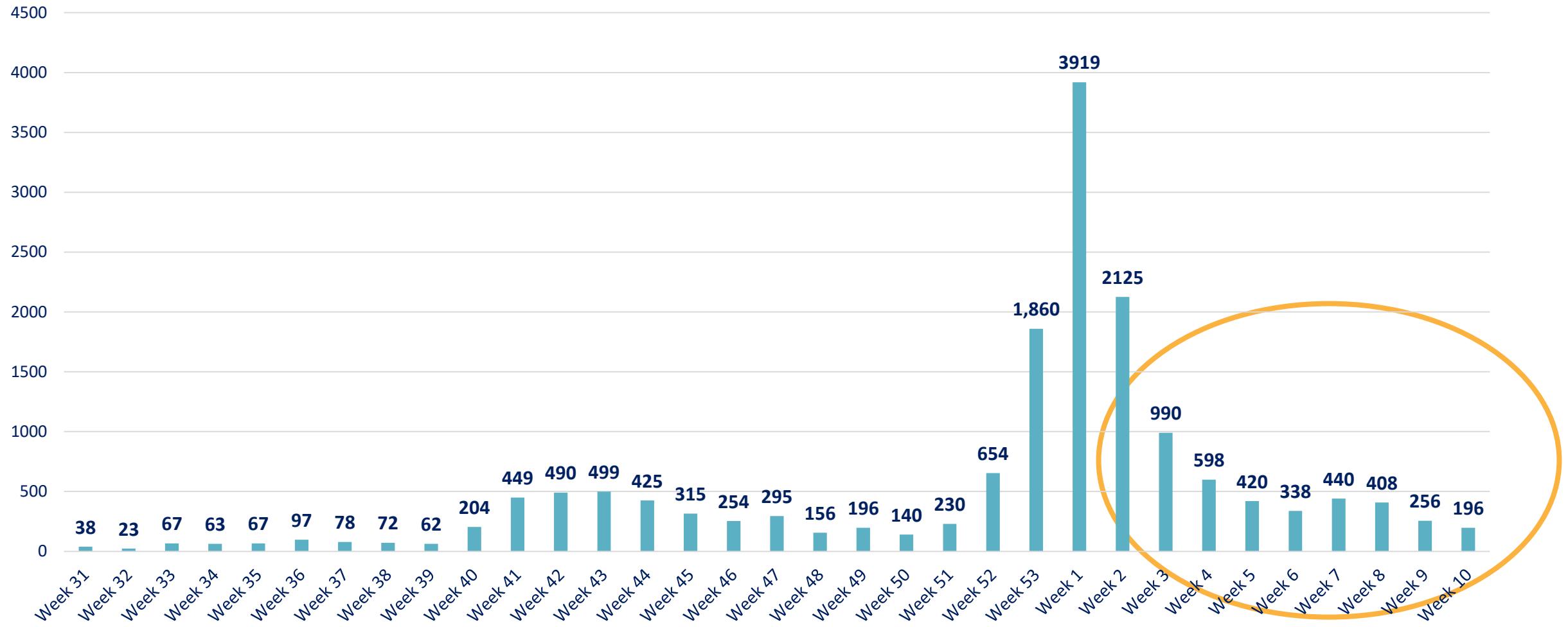


- There were 379 deaths in COVID-19 cases
 - 365 deaths in confirmed COVID-19 cases
 - 14 deaths in suspect COVID-19 case
- Almost half (49%) of deaths in COVID-19 cases in the Mid-West occurred in January 2021. Of those who died in January 2021, 95% were aged 65+ years



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- In the past few weeks we have seen a reduction in the number of cases per week



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The age profile of cases is changing

Younger people 

Older people 



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Table 1: Proportion of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Mid-West in 2021, by week and age

	0-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65+ yrs
Week 1	6.3	18.6	34.1	28.9	12.1
Week 2	6.2	15.8	31.4	28.3	18.4
Week 3	4.3	15.3	31.9	29.0	19.5
Week 4	9.5	14.2	30.1	25.1	21.1
Week 5	11.0	20.5	27.6	20.7	20.2
Week 6	15.1	23.4	29.6	20.1	11.8
Week 7	13.2	32.7	23.4	18.9	11.8
Week 8	16.7	32.8	21.6	17.6	11.3
Week 9	19.9	26.2	21.5	21.9	10.5
Week 10	8.7	48.5	21.9	14.8	6.1



• Week 1 is week ending 09/01/2021 and 10 is week ending 13/03/2021



- My department has dealt with over 5,000 outbreaks since March 2020

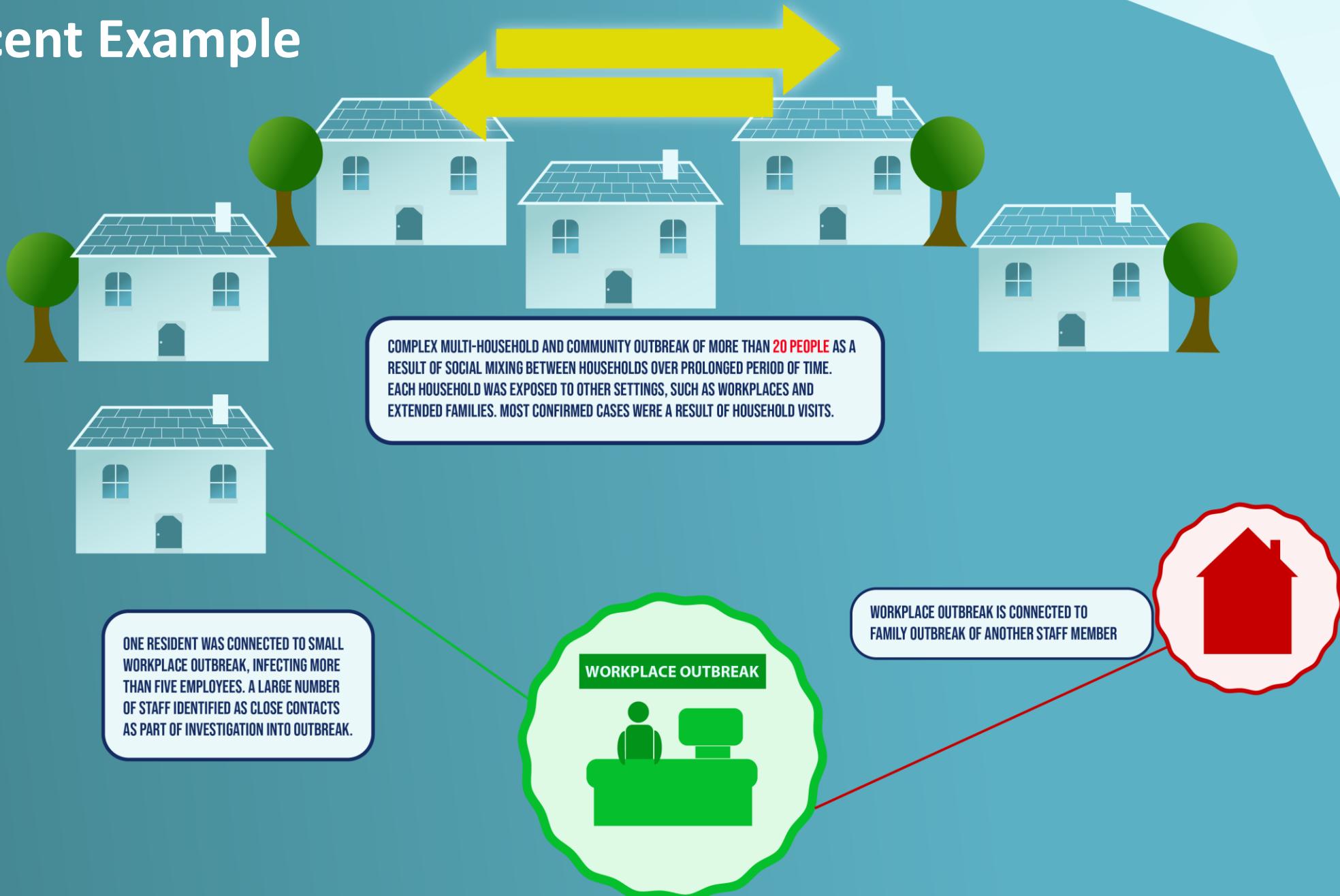
- 32% were in private houses/extended families
- 28% in other settings such as hospitals, residential institutions, schools or due to social gatherings etc.
- 24% in nursing homes
- 9% in workplaces
- 7% in the community



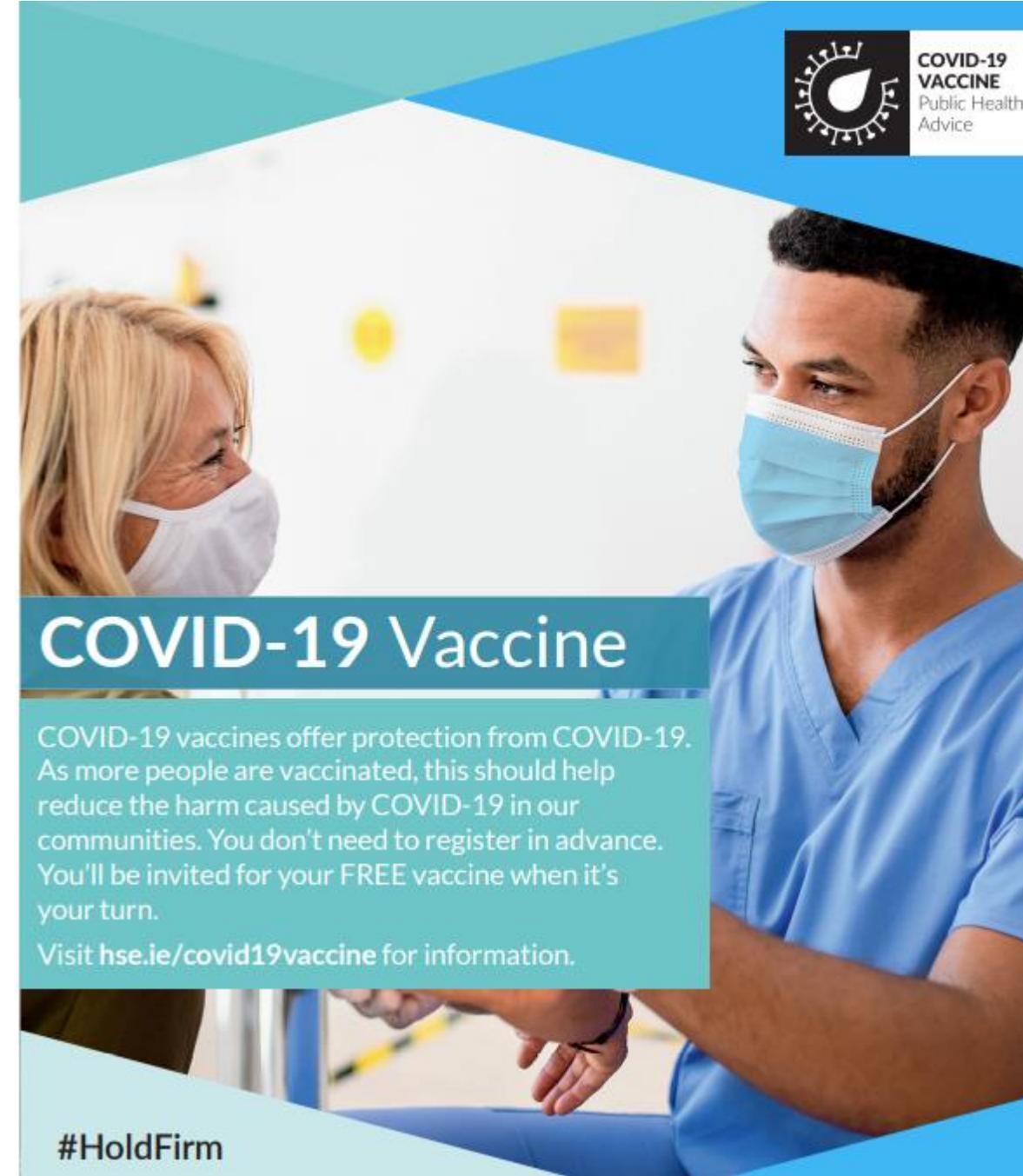
- We are now seeing less outbreaks in nursing homes
- The majority of outbreaks are now in household settings, workplaces and vulnerable populations



Recent Example



- The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines is underway
- Our priorities are safety and working to protect people as quickly as we can
- People who are most at risk from COVID-19 are being vaccinated first



Vaccinations

The statistics and graphs in this section are built using confirmed figures provided by the Health Executive Service (HSE), and are updated following official release of new data.

Vaccines Administered

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Vaccine Data up to

Mon, 15 Mar
2021

Total 1st Dose Vaccines Administered

455,182

Total 2nd Dose Vaccines Administered

165,398

Total Vaccines Administered

620,580



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The groups currently being vaccinated ->

This is the provisional order in which people in Ireland will be vaccinated against COVID-19

Source: www.gov.ie

- 1 People aged 65 years and older who are residents of long-term care facilities (likely to include all staff and residents on site)
- 2 Frontline healthcare workers
- 3 People aged 70 and older
- 4 People aged 16-69 with a medical condition that puts them at very high risk of severe disease and death
- 5 People aged 65-69 whose underlying condition puts them at a high risk of severe disease and death
- 6 Other people aged 65-69, other healthcare workers not in direct patient contact, and key workers essential to the vaccine programme
- 7 People aged 16-64 who have an underlying condition that puts them at high risk of severe disease and death
- 8 Residents of long-term care facilities aged 18-64
- 9 People aged 18-64 living or working in crowded settings
- 10 Key workers in essential jobs who cannot avoid a high risk of exposure
- 11 People working in education sector
- 12 People aged 55-64
- 13 Other workers in occupations important to the functioning of society
- 14 Other people aged 18-54
- 15 People aged under 18 and pregnant women

Order of vaccinations for people over 70

- Vaccinations will be offered in the following order to people aged:
 - 85 and older
 - 80 to 84
 - 75 to 79
 - 70 to 74
- It is expected that everyone in this group will be vaccinated, with both doses, by the middle of May

- People are being vaccinated through their workplace, through GP surgeries, through HSE vaccination centres etc.
- There will be three HSE vaccination centres in the Mid-West
 - Limerick (Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road)
 - Clare (West County Hotel, Ennis)
 - Tipperary (Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh)
- When all three centres are operating at maximum capacity, vaccination teams will be able to deliver up to 6,000 doses of vaccine per day in the Mid-West*

It is important that we hold firm. Please continue to

- Stay at home if you feel unwell**
- Avoid crowded places**
- Maintain your social distance (2 metres)**
- Wear a face covering in shops and other indoor settings and crowded outdoor areas**
- Wash your hands**
- Practice good respiratory hygiene**
- Reduce your number of social contacts**

Public Health Mid-West Communications

- *Our policy is to be transparent, educational, and proactive*



- Significant increase in local and national media presence
- **45+ media statements** since mid-November 2020. This includes weekly statements to highlight behavioural trends
- Communications officer works closely with specialists and contact tracing team to identify trends and formulate the week's Public Health message

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Sport Gaa Hurling

Hurling supporters asked to stay at home for All Ireland Final to try to limit spread of COVID-19

By David Raleigh - December 11, 2020



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Mass Covid-19 testing continues at University of Limerick as referrals increase 10-fold

by Nick Rabbitts 23 Feb 2021
Email: nick@limerickleader.ie

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- Increased Twitter audience from **400 to 1,420 followers** since November 2020
- Twitter 'impressions' increased from **21k in October 2020 to 160k (so far) in March 2021**
- We have a unique social media presence by releasing more readily available info, and showing trends through strong visuals and graphics, developed in-house



Useful links

- HSE website- <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>
- Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC)- <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/>
- Rollout of COVID-19 vaccines in Ireland <https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/rollout-covid-19-vaccines-ireland.html>





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