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Coronavirus cases of Delta plus variant increase

Delta variant Plus takes over

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USPA NEWS - A number of Covid-19 cases involving the Delta-plus variant have been identified in Ireland, as the chief executive of the HSE has appealed to the unvaccinated to reconsider their decision.

45 cases of the Delta-plus variant have been confirmed in the Republic, according to the latest update on variants of concern from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC).

The variant is an offshoot of the already highly-infectious Delta variant which is currently dominant in Ireland.

On Friday the country recorded more than 2,000 new infections for the second time in a week, bringing the total weekly figure to roughly 10,000.

Issuing an appeal to those who have decided not to be vaccinated against the disease, HSE chief Paul Reid said their decision puts both themselves and others “at much higher risk”.

“You may decide to ignore strong advice today from many of the top medics in the country,” he tweeted.

“But please don't dismiss it. If, as an adult, you decide not to be vaccinated, you do put yourself and others at much higher risk.

“We won't leave anyone behind and it's never too late.

Walk-in vaccines and testing

Walk-in vaccination centres are once again being rolled out across the country this weekend. Most will offer the second doze of Pfizer and a smaller number will offer the Moderna jab.

The HSE's national lead for the vaccination rollout, Damian McCallion, said it is important to check online for the right clinic, as different doses are being administered at different centres.

“Check HSE.ie, check which vaccine that they need to g

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