



COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake in Ireland

Weekly Report

Spring Campaign 2024

Week ending Sunday 28th April 2024

Latest Summary Statistics Absolute Numbers of COVID-19 Spring 2024 Campaign Doses and Percentage Uptake of the Census 2022 Population since 01/03/2024 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight

Age Group	No. Booster Doses	Census 2022 Population	No. Booster doses as % Uptake Census 2022 Population
5-11yrs	4	491930	0.00
12-69yrs	2936	3823623	0.08
70-79yrs	6683	357144	1.87
80+yrs	11514	181027	6.36

Spring 2024 COVID-19 Campaign Target Groups



- The COVID-19 Spring 2024 vaccination campaign officially began on 22/04/2024, but for the purposes of presenting a summary account of the uptake, the investigation period has been set at 01/03/2024.
- The administration of vaccine doses follows the guidelines set down by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (NIAC), which are available here at https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_43750ce7-2657-44a3-9e2b-48d245f0fc4d/.
- The primary target groups of the Spring COVID-19 2024 vaccine campaign include:
 - those aged 80 years and older;
 - those aged 70 to 79 years who, following discussion with a health care provider (e.g., GP, pharmacist or vaccination centre), request vaccination;
 - those living in long term care facilities for older adults; and
 - those aged 5 years and older with immunocompromise associated with a suboptimal response to vaccination.
- For pregnant women, a single primary vaccination dose is recommended. A booster dose is recommended all year and is not seasonal and can be given if it is more than six months since their previous dose or infection at any stage in pregnancy. The booster is ideally given between 20-34 weeks' gestation. If it is more than 12 months since their previous COVID-19 vaccine or infection administration earlier in pregnancy should be considered.
- For health care workers who were not previously vaccinated, a single primary dose is recommended. A booster dose is not recommended as part of the Spring COVID-19 2024 vaccine campaign unless immunocompromised.

Vaccination status definitions and primary and booster courses completed

- Over the course of a campaign, the vaccination status of individuals can change. For COVID-19 vaccination, individuals must first complete their primary course treatment before being offered a booster dose. Currently, the inter dose period (since last vaccine dose or SARS-CoV-2 infection) is six months, although in exceptional circumstances a minimum interval of three months may be used. Furthermore, completion of a primary course requires receiving one or more primary doses depending in part on the immunocompromised status.
- In broad terms, there are two main vaccination courses: a primary course with primary doses and a booster course with booster doses. On the IIS COVID-19 dashboard, there features a third ‘additional’ course, where an additional dose is offered to those who are immunocompromised to complete their primary course treatment. For the purposes of reporting here , an additional dose is categorised as a primary dose.
- The number of individuals who have not yet completed their primary course treatment or who have, or who have completed a booster course is determined by a combination of factors: dose type (primary and booster), age and immunocompromised status at the time of vaccination administration. The colour coded Table A below illustrates how the total counts of primary and booster courses are calculated from the different combinations of dose types, age (6 months to 4 years or 5 years of age or older) and immunocompromised status details.
- Table A** How counts of completed primary and booster courses are calculated based on combination of dose type, age and immunocompromised status at time of last vaccination of individuals

Last Dose Course	Last Dose Classification/Type	6 months-4 years of age & Immunocompromised Status Not Differentiated	5+ years of age & Not Immunocompromised	5+ years of age & Immunocompromised
Primary Course	Primary Dose 1	Not Primary Course Completed	Primary Course Completed	Not Primary Course Completed
Primary Course	Primary Dose 2	Primary Course Completed	Primary Course Completed	Primary Course Completed
Primary Course	Primary Dose 3	Primary Course Completed	Primary Course Completed	Primary Course Completed
Primary Course	Primary Additional Dose*	Not Applicable	Booster Course Completed*	Primary Course Completed
Course 2	Booster Dose	Not Recommended	Booster Course Completed	Booster Course Completed

* A primary additional dose given to a person who is 5+ year of age and is not immunocompromised is incorrect and is in fact a booster dose

Methodology



- *Data were provided by OCIO based on data in the data lake PROD environment (includes COVAX registered vaccinations and GP administered vaccinations).*
- *DENOMINATOR USE: In this report, uptake is calculated based on Census 2022 population. See <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-cpsr/censusofpopulation2022-summaryresults/populationchanges/>*

Summary Findings



Between 01/03/2024 and 28/04/2024 (last date of the first week of the Spring 2024 COVID-19 vaccination campaign)

- 90 primary course completions were recorded;
- 70 individuals have yet to complete their primary course;
- 21,151 booster course completions were reported;
- Booster course completion uptake among 70-79 year-olds was 1.9% and among 80+ year olds, it was 6.4%;
- 57.0% of booster doses were administered in GP clinics, 24.7% in HSE clinics and 18.4% in pharmacies;
- 99.7% of all booster courses completed were Pfizer BioNTech – Comirnaty Omicron XBB.1.5;
- Uptake was highest at 3.7% among 70–79-year-olds in Co. Wexford and 9.5% among 80+ years olds in Co. Wicklow;
- Uptake among residential care facility residents was highest in Co. Dublin, accounting for 30.8% of booster courses completed;
- Uptake among the immunocompromised was highest in Co. Dublin at 33.2% and in Co. Cork at 26.3% of booster courses completed;
- 109 booster completed courses among pregnant women aged between 18 and 59 years.

COVID-19 vaccination course completions administered since 01/03/2024 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight



Primary courses

Between 01/03/2024 and 28/04/2024, a total of 90 primary course completions were recorded. There are 70 individuals who have yet to complete their primary course. During the first week of the campaign, 22/04/2024 and 28/04/2024, a total of a total of 15 primary course completions were recorded.

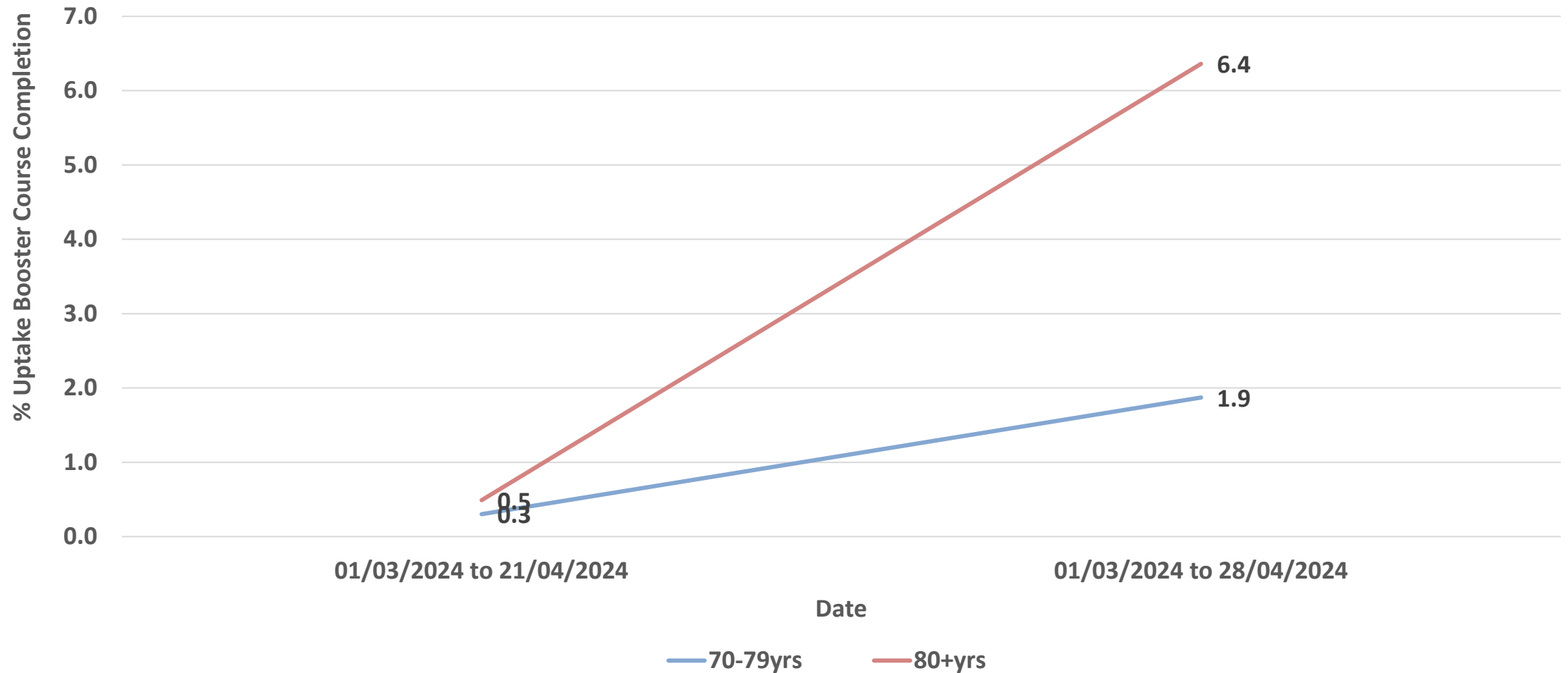
Booster courses

Between 01/03/2024 and 28/04/2024 3, there were 21,151 booster course completions. During the first week of the campaign, 22/04/2024 and 28/04/2024, a total of a total of 17,740 booster course completions were recorded.

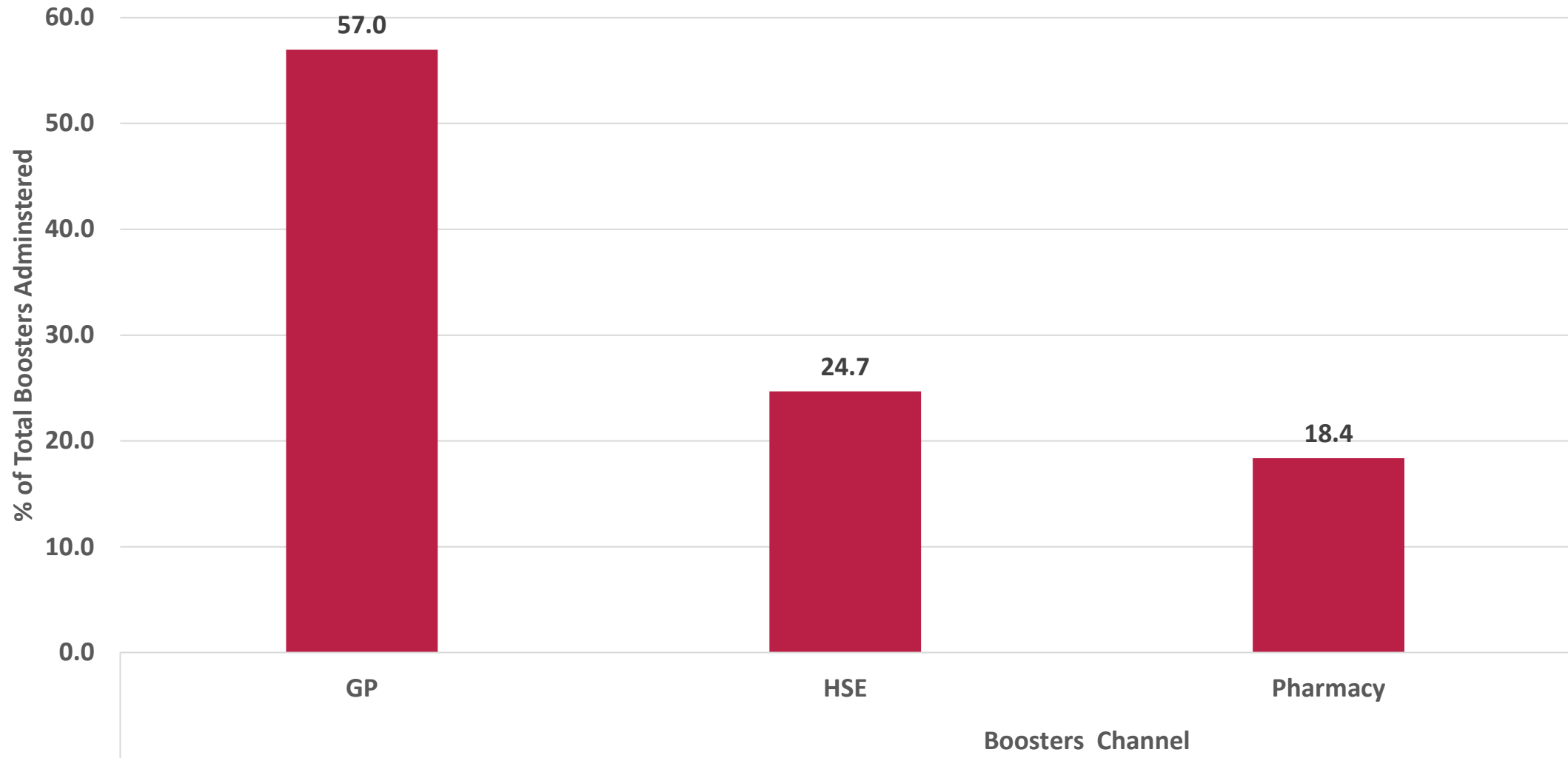
COVID-19 Booster Course Completions by Age Group since 18/09/2023 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight

Age Group	No. Boosters	Census 2022 Population	No. Booster doses % Uptake Population Census 2022
All Ages	21137	5149139	0.41
6months+	21137	5120241	0.41
6months-49yrs	874	3424088	0.03
5+yrs	21137	4853724	0.44
12+yrs	21133	4361794	0.48
12-17yrs	14	431222	0.00
18+yrs	21119	3930572	0.54
50+yrs	20263	1696153	1.19
60+yrs	19593	1048985	1.87
50-69yrs	2066	1157982	0.18
65+yrs	19020	776315	2.45
70+yrs	18197	538171	3.38
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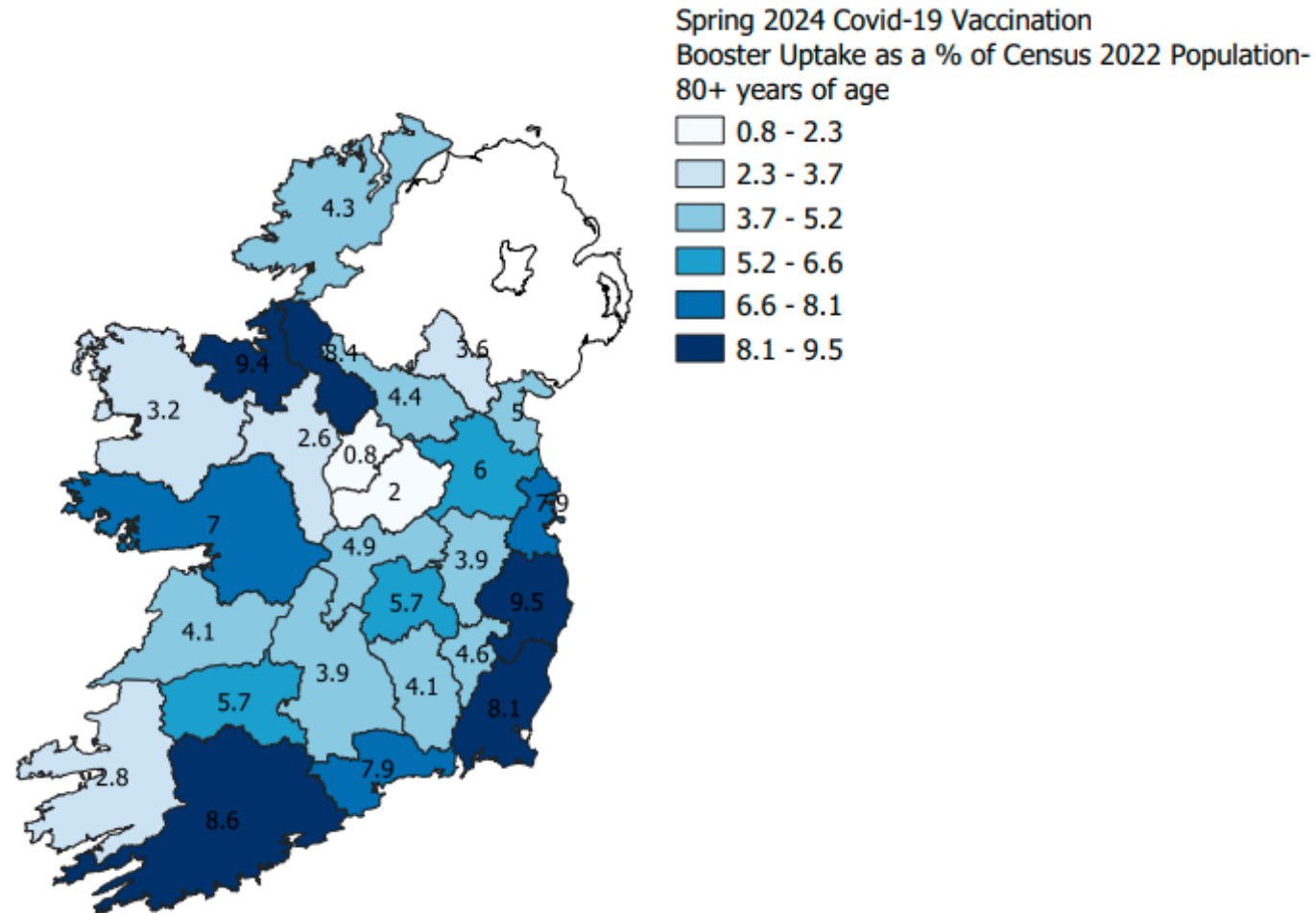
Percentage of Spring 2024 Booster Completed Courses by Age Group and Week administered since 01/03/2024 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight



Percentage of Spring 2024 Booster Completed Courses by Distribution Channel administered since 01/03/2024 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight



Uptake of Spring 2024 Booster Courses Completed by county as a percentage of the Census 2022 population among 80+ year olds since 01/03/2024 as of end 28/04/2024, midnight



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Caveats



- Uptake data reported refers to the period up to midnight of the last day of the latest epidemiological week Monday to Sunday.
- Where county and/or age group calculation of estimated uptake exceeds 100% due to data capture issues within Coax or where the numerator exceeds the population estimate/denominator then the uptake will be rounded down to **99.9%** (unless otherwise indicated in the report).
- Total reported doses in this report now includes all vaccination doses on the IIS/COVAX data system, including those received abroad by Irish residents.
- Reported figures excludes vaccination records where the death of the individual has been recorded.
- While data is presented in terms of total number of people receiving boosters as a proportion of total population, it should be noted that not all people within these populations will be eligible for vaccination at a given time for example if they have recently had COVID-19 infection.
- It was not possible to accurately summarise the number of individuals aged between 6 months and 4 years and between 5 and 11 years with underlying medical conditions and therefore eligible for primary vaccination because those details in the IIS/COVAX extract are combined in a complex way with target groupings.