

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MARCH 2020**

Question

Will the Minister advise members how many people have been tested in the Island for COVID-19 each week from the date of the first test; what steps are being made to bring testing for COVID-19 into the Island; and when he expects the General Hospital to be able to conduct its own tests?

Answer

The number of people who have been tested is changing daily. The latest figures can be found here: <https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/Pages/CoronavirusCases.aspx>

The latest figures when this answer was submitted were as follows:

Weekly	Result			
Date	Negative	Positive	Awaiting Result	Total Samples Sent
03/02/2020 or (blank)				
03/02/2020 - 09/02/2020	5			5
10/02/2020 - 16/02/2020	7			7
17/02/2020 - 23/02/2020	5			5
24/02/2020 - 01/03/2020	26			26
02/03/2020 - 08/03/2020	50	1		51
09/03/2020 - 15/03/2020	143	5	1	149
16/03/2020 - 22/03/2020	169	10	65	244
Total Samples Sent	405	16	66	487

HCS is keen to conduct its own testing here as soon as possible and is actively pursuing a range of options. HCS has placed an order for testing kits which will be compatible with the technology already in place in our laboratory. We hope to see this order fulfilled in the next 2 to 4 weeks.