

## Coverage Report: Covid Hub Launch

### 08 May 2020

#### 1. Irish Times, 'Coronavirus: Marginalised groups to become new frontline in battle against disease,' Paul Cullen (Front page of print edition and online)

Paul Cullen carried the story on the front page of the Irish Times. The article noted that Minister for Health, Simon Harris, was opening a new Covid-19 assessment hub at the Mater Hospital in Dublin to work specifically with marginalised groups in the inner city.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/coronavirus-marginalised-groups-to-become-new-frontline-in-battle-against-disease-1.4247933>

**THE IRISH TIMES**  
Friday, May 8, 2020  
12.00pm (GMT)  
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### Leaving Cert will be replaced with predicted grades

Schools to play key role in determining how many points students will receive

**Covid hub to focus on marginalised**

Testing approach used in nursing homes they're to be deployed in other settings. Mobile unit to test and treat people in inner-city Dublin and deliver results quickly

**Singing at a social distance**  
**Other Voices on a live stream**

Lisa Hannigan and Lash right performing with Kevin Murphy at the National Gallery of Ireland yesterday as part of the 'Other Voices' 'Courage' series

**Turtle blood and Sena's stolen gold**

**Here's why Bewley's cafe matters**

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#### 2. RTE One, 'One O'Clock News'

Samantha Libreri reported from the opening of the Covid-19 assessment hub. Safetynet CEO Fiona O'Reilly and Dr Tara McGinty were both interviewed for the news package.

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/rte-news-one-o-clock/SI0000001471?epguid=IH000389839>

#### 3. Virgin Media, 'News at 12.30'

Virgin media news reported on the opening of the Covid-19 assessment hub from the Mater Hospital, noting it would deal with treating vulnerable communities.



<https://www.virginmediatelevision.ie/player/show/633>

4. *Irish Times*, **“This virus hasn’t gone away’ - Warning from Harris amid continued concern over nursing homes’** Sarah Burns, Vivienne Clarke

Minister Harris made these comments “during a visit to a Community Assessment Hub at the Mater Hospital in Dublin, which is one of 40 that have been opened around the country to deal with Covid 19.”

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/this-virus-hasn-t-gone-away-warning-from-harris-amid-continued-concern-over-nursing-homes-1.4248422>

5. *RTE Radio One*, **‘Morning Ireland’**

The opening of the Covid-19 assessment centre was played widely on Morning Ireland’s news bulletins.

<https://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/share/radio1/21765203>

6. *RTE Radio One*, **‘News at One’**

The opening of the Covid-19 assessment hub by the Minister for Health Simon Harris was featured on the lunchtime news bulletin.

7. *Newstalk*, **‘Lunchtime Live’**

Reporter Kacey O’Riordan, who attended the event, reported on the opening of the assessment centre on the lunchtime news bulletin.

8. *Irish Examiner*, **‘New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups,’** Staff Writer

This article noted that the Minister opened the assessment centre. It quotes from information and statistics which had featured in the Irish Times. The piece also included a quote from a representative of Pavee Point.

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups-998378.html>

9. *Irish Examiner*, **'Hub will enable people in homeless accommodation to get Covid-19 test results 'within 45 minutes''** Staff Writer

The Irish Examiner followed up their initial article with a piece that included quotes from Safetynet CEO Fiona O'Reilly and Minister Simon Harris. The Minister was quoted as saying: "We owe a huge debt to these frontline workers who are putting their lives at risk in order to save others."

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/hub-will-enable-people-in-homeless-accommodation-to-get-covid-19-test-results-within-45-minutes-998434.html>

10. *Newstalk*, **'New hub in Dublin will allow rapid COVID-19 testing for people in homeless accommodation'** Stephen McNeice

This article outlined that the hub aimed to provide care to vulnerable groups in the capital's inner city, including people who are homeless, those living in extreme poverty and undocumented migrants. Minister Harris and Fiona O'Reilly were quoted.

<https://www.newstalk.com/news/new-hub-dublin-will-allow-rapid-covid-19-testing-people-homeless-accommodation-1012217>

11. *BreakingNews.ie*, **'Hub will enable people in homeless accommodation to get Covid-19 test results 'within 45 minutes''** Staff Writer

This piece covered the opening of the centre and included quotes from Fiona O'Reilly and Minister Simon Harris.

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/hub-will-enable-people-in-homeless-accommodation-to-get-covid-19-test-results-within-45-minutes-998434.html>

12. *98FM*, **'Covid-19 Assessment Hub Opening, Aimed At Dublin's Marginalised Groups,'** Emma Tyrell

The piece outlined that the Minister had opened a new Covid-19 testing hub for vulnerable communities in Dublin, noting that it comes amid a high number of cases among vulnerable communities.

<https://www.98fm.com/news/covid-19-assessment-hub-opening-aimed-dublins-marginalised-groups-1012078>

13. *Dublin Live*, '**Coronavirus Ireland: Dedicated Covid-19 hub for marginalised people opened at Mater Hospital**,' Neil Leslie

This article covered the event and also published quotes from both Minister Harris and Dr Tara McGinty. Dr McGinty was quoted as saying: "Those who are homeless, or from other vulnerable groups such as migrants, or those with substance abuse problems face even greater challenges to halt the spread of the virus and to recover from it, if they contract it."

<https://www.dublinlive.ie/news/health/coronavirus-ireland-dedicated-covid-19-18221612>

14. *RTE*, '**Ireland needs to 'finish the job' in Covid-19 battle**,' Samantha Libreri

Libreri covered the comments Minister Harris made about re-opening the country but highlighted that he was speaking during a visit to a Community Assessment Hub at the Mater Hospital in Dublin, which is one of 40 that have been opened around the country to deal with Covid-19.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0508/1137268-coronavirus-simon-harris/>

15. *BreakingNews.ie*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**,' Staff Writer

The article noted that Minister Harris had been to the opening of the hub which would "will include a mobile unit to test and treat vulnerable communities, with results available in under an hour."

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups-998378.html>

16. *Q102FM*, '**New Hub to Allow for Rapid Covid-19 Testing for the Homeless**,' Hazel Nolan

This article reports that a community assessment hub to test for COVID-19 among the homeless community in Dublin has been set up at the Mater Hospital. Fiona O'Reilly is quoted in the piece.

<https://www.q102.ie/news/q102-news/new-hub-to-allow-for-rapid-covid-19-testing-for-the-homeless/>

17. *LMFM*, '**Covid Update**,' Marc O'Driscoll

In LMFM's daily Covid update it was included that Health Minister Simon Harris opened a new Covid-19 assessment hub for vulnerable communities in Dublin this morning.

<https://www.lmfm.ie/news/lmfm-news/coronavirus-update-08-05-2020/>

18. *KFM*, '**Health Minister opening Covid-19 Assessment Hub for Vulnerable Communities Today**' Ciara Plunkett

KFM noted that Minister for Health Simon Harris had officially opened Covid-19 assessment hub for vulnerable communities in Dublin which would be based in the Mater Hospital

<https://kfmradio.com/news/08052020-0930/health-minister-opening-covid-19-assessment-hub-vulnerable-communities-today>

19. *Echo*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

The piece carried the story of the Health Minister opening the new Covid-19 assessment centre at the Mater, which is aimed at marginalised groups in Dublin's inner city.

<https://www.echolive.ie/nationalnews/New-Covid-19-assessment-centre-in-Dublin-for-marginalised-groups-cc3be00a-784d-482b-976d-a16372e1d750-ds>

20. *Western People*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

This article reported that Minister Harris attended the opening of the Covid-19 hub at the Mater Hospital and carried a quote from a member of Pavee Point.

<https://westernpeople.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/#.XrUtQC0ZPs0>

21. *Carlow Nationalist*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

The reporter covered Minister Harris' attendance at the opening of the new Covid hub and included the statistics that had featured in the Irish Times.

<https://carlow-nationalist.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/#.XrUtSi0ZPs0>

22. *Waterford News and Star*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

The piece covered the event, Minister for Health Simon Harris' attendance and a quote from the co-director of Pavee Point.

<https://waterford-news.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/#.XrUtUi0ZPs0>

23. *Kildare Nationalist*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

The article reported on the opening at the Mater Hospital, as well as the Minister for Health's attendance and the statistics previously published in the Irish Times.

<https://kildare-nationalist.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/#.XrUtWy0ZPs0>

24. *Laois Nationalist*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

This article focused on the attendance of Minister Harris at the opening of the new Covid-19 assessment centre this morning at the Mater Hospital, which would include a mobile unit to test and treat vulnerable communities, with results available in under an hour.

<https://laois-nationalist.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/>

25. *Roscommon Herald*, '**New Covid-19 assessment centre in Dublin for marginalised groups**', Staff Writer

The article reported on Minister Harris opening the new Covid-19 assessment centre this morning at the Mater Hospital.

<https://roscommonherald.ie/2020/05/08/new-covid-19-assessment-centre-in-dublin-for-marginalised-groups/>

26. Tweet by Minister for Health, Simon Harris



Simon Harris TD  
@SimonHarrisTD



Everyone working together to keep us all safe & well during #Covid19 is a key part of our national effort. Saw it first hand today when I visited the Community Assessment Hub for homeless & vulnerable people at Mater Hospital & mobile outreach clinic. Brilliant team effort



Department of Health and 4 others

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<https://twitter.com/SimonHarrisTD/status/1258700251478675456>