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## The Irish Times

# Outdoor transmission accounts for 0.1% of State's Covid-19 cases

**Just 262 cases traced to outdoor activities since pandemic began, official figures reveal**

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[Ronan McGreevy](#)



Prof Mike Weed from the University of Canterbury, who studied 27,000 Covid-19 cases, says outdoor gatherings are safe if accompanied by proper risk management. File photograph: iStock

Just one confirmed case of Covid-19 in every thousand is traced to outdoor transmission, new figures reveal.

Of the 232,164 cases of Covid-19 recorded in the State up to March 24th this year, 262 were as a result of outdoor transmission, representing 0.1 per cent of the total.

There were 42 outbreaks associated with outdoor gatherings, with one community outbreak accounting for seven cases.

This involved an outdoor work activity which took place between two separate families, according to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) which monitors case numbers in the Republic.

There were 21 outbreaks on construction sites with 124 cases, and 20 outbreaks associated with sporting activities and fitness in which there were 131 cases.

The HPSC data, provided in response to a query from The Irish Times, was based on “locations which are primarily associated with outdoor activities, ie outdoor sports and construction sites, or outbreaks that specifically mention in comments that an outdoor location or activity was involved”. The HSPC said, however, that it “cannot determine where transmission occurred”.

In addition 20 per cent of all cases in the State result from community transmission where the source of the infection is not known.

The relatively low numbers of cases resulting from outdoor transmission in the Republic is mirrored in international studies. A study of 1,245 cases in [China](#) found only three people were infected outdoors and they were in conversation without masks. According to a review by the University of California of five global studies of transmission, the chances of getting Covid-19 in an indoor setting is 19 times greater than outdoors.

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<https://www.courrierinternational.com/article/covid-19-en-irlande-01-des-contaminations-ont-eu-lieu-en-exterieur>

Covid-19.

## **En Irlande, 0,1 % des contaminations ont eu lieu en extérieur**

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Manifestation anticonfinement dans Phoenix Park, à Dublin (Irlande), le 20 mars 2021.  
**PHOTO / ARTUR WIDAK / NURPHOTO VIA AFP**

En Irlande, où le port du masque n'est obligatoire que dans les lieux publics clos, la part des malades du Covid-19 contaminés en extérieur est infime, selon les données communiquées par les autorités sanitaires à *The Irish Times*.

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*“Selon de nouveaux chiffres, seul 1 cas de Covid-19 sur 1 000 est attribué à une transmission en plein air”, résume **The Irish Times** dans un article paru le 5 avril. En date du 24 mars, sur les 232 164 cas de contamination au Covid-19 recensés en Irlande depuis le début de la pandémie, “262 étaient dus à des contaminations en extérieur, soit 0,1 % seulement du total”.*

Ces données, transmises au quotidien par le Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC, sous l'autorité du ministère de la Santé), font aussi état de *“42 clusters provoqués par des rassemblements en plein air”*.

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*“Pour ces chiffres, le HPSC s'est fondé sur le fait que ‘les sites concernés sont liés en premier lieu à des activités de plein air (sport, chantiers de construction par exemple), ou [sur] des commentaires précisant expressément, après l'apparition d'un cluster, qu'il y a eu rassemblement ou activité en extérieur’.*”

Le service de santé irlandais reconnaît toutefois qu'il *"n'est pas en mesure de déterminer où les contaminations ont eu lieu précisément"*. Par ailleurs, *"pour 20 % de l'ensemble des cas recensés en Irlande, l'origine de la transmission reste indéterminée"*.

### **Le masque n'est pas obligatoire en extérieur**

*"Le faible nombre de cas attribués en république d'Irlande à une contamination en extérieur se retrouve dans les études internationales"*, poursuit le quotidien irlandais, citant notamment l'université de Californie, selon laquelle *"le risque de transmission du Covid-19 est 19 fois plus élevé en intérieur qu'en extérieur"*.

En Irlande, où le port du masque n'est pas obligatoire en extérieur, les activités sportives en plein air (football, tennis, golf, etc.) seront à nouveau autorisées à partir du 26 avril. *"Les visites en extérieur, notamment les zoos et les sites historiques, pourront rouvrir. Les commerces de plein air devront attendre le 5 mai."*

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## 'She will stay in our hearts, forever loved and forever cherished'

Parents pay tribute to Ana Mignani as two 14-year-olds boydound guilty of her murder  
As youths announce verdicts with reactions on social media, boys to continue

**CHILDREN, LAWYERS AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS**  
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## Morrissey to get full award despite appeal

Government pledges €21m award 'best compensation award will be paid'

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### Weather

Forecast for the week ahead. A period of rain and sun, with a strong breeze from the west. High 12°C, low 8°C.

### Home News

Health: Aged care will be by 2020. Health: Aged care will be by 2020. Health: Aged care will be by 2020.

### World News

US: Trump's new cabinet. US: Trump's new cabinet. US: Trump's new cabinet.

### Business + Property

Banking: The Central Bank will be able to... Banking: The Central Bank will be able to...

### Sports Wednesday

Rugby: Ireland's new captain. Rugby: Ireland's new captain. Rugby: Ireland's new captain.

### Charging ahead



Best buy: Electric and crossover cars

### Kathy Sheridan

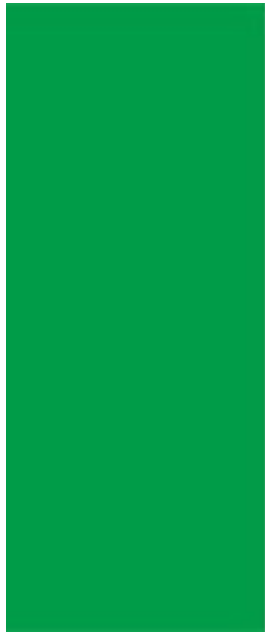


How Ireland and the Garda chose d ranks on Mignani

### Darragh Ó Sé



If Cork were aboat, they'd have been retired years ago



### Irlande

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Fondé par des protestants en 1859, aujourd'hui sous l'autorité d'un groupe de "trustees" chargé de garantir son indépendance politique et religieuse, *The Irish Times* s'appuie sur un important réseau de correspondants à l'étranger et des signatures de prestige. La relève est assurée par une bourse Douglas Gageby annuelle, du nom de l'ancien rédacteur en chef du quotidien.

Les prix remportés par les journalistes de *The Irish Times* confirment régulièrement son statut de quotidien de référence. Et tout en gardant une grande sobriété, il jouit d'un large lectorat, notamment pour son édition du samedi.

Le site, lancé dès 1994 à l'intention de la diaspora irlandaise, a fait peau neuve en juin 2008. Plutôt élégant, il laisse tous les articles du jour en accès libre et propose plusieurs blogs de la rédaction. Les archives, qui reproduisent les fac-similés du journal de 1859 à 1996, sont payantes. Les archives du site Internet depuis 1996 sont disponibles dans l'abonnement payant