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BY EMAIL ONLY

Deputy Roisin Shorthall

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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Re: 4435/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE website no longer has a facility for the public to record Covid-19 infections; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shorthall

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I consulted with colleagues working in HSE Public Health: Test and Trace Function in preparing this response.

The Antigen Results Portal was established on 14th of January 2022 as a temporary measure to track positive results for selected cohorts undergoing antigen testing.

On 28th February 2023, the Chief Medical Officer confirmed that there was no longer a requirement for COVID-19 testing, except for clinical reasons. The HSE made key changes to implement that decision, including the shutting of the Antigen Result Portal to the Public.

I hope this answers your query.

Yours sincerely,

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