

Report of the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Group

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The Minister for Health, Stephen Donnelly TD has published the Report of the COVID-19 Rapid Testing Group. The report recommends the introduction of rapid tests, such as lateral flow antigen tests (LFAT) and loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) tests, to complement existing national polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing programmes.

This was a majority report.

Members of the group as appointed by Minister Donnelly

Chair

Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General, Science Foundation Ireland and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government of Ireland

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- Professor Paddy Mallon, Professor of Microbial Diseases UCD, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, St Vincent's University Hospital and Director of the UCD Centre for Experimental Pathogen Host Research
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