



Irish Council for
Civil Liberties

ICCL Update: Monitoring rights during the Pandemic

27 June-3 July

Covid 19-related advocacy work

Covid-19 tracker app: pre-release Report Card issued

In collaboration with Digital Rights Ireland and other experts, we issued a [pre-release Report Card](#), awarding an overall C+ grade on the basis of an evaluation of this documentation and how it appears the app, as it stands, will adhere to our [best practice principles](#). Specific grades included efficacy (D), clear and limited purpose (D) and its statutory oversight (C).

We have been querying the evidence underpinning the 72% accuracy figure cited by the HSE and Department of Health for Covid Tracker App.

We hope the HSE and Department of Health address the findings of our report prior to the app's launch.

Discussions on development of legislative measures to enforce public health advice

We are continuing to closely monitor discussions at government cabinet level regarding the mooted introduction of legislative measures to enforce public health advice, in particular regarding mandatory quarantine upon arrival in Ireland and the wearing of masks on public transport. At present, these guidelines constitute public health advice, and are not legally enforceable.

We continue to support the government's efforts to stop the spread of the covid-19 and urge people to adhere to public health advice. We reiterate that any legislative measure introduced in response to covid-19 that restrict our human rights should be necessary, proportionate and clearly set out in law from an easily accessible source.

MEDIA REFERENCES

Our concerns regarding the passenger locator forms referenced here:

<https://www.thejournal.ie/travel-stephen-donnelly-5137445-Jun2020/>

Our renewed call on the Garda Commissioner to end the use of spit guards, citing information from the PSNI appearing to show they did not offer protection against

<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/30-increase-in-use-of-force-by-gardai-in-may-1007658.html>

Our information rights director Elizabeth Farries widely referenced here in relation to concerns regarding the covid tracker app:

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/concern-over-ability-of-covid-19-tracking-app-to-fully-protect-user-data-1.4294933>

<https://www.midlands103.com/news/midlands-news/coronavirus-national-news-27th-june-2020/>

<https://www.newstalk.com/news/morning-top-5-debenhams-protests-sinn-fein-new-government-virtual-pride-1037131>

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/hse-reveals-key-documents-ahead-of-covid-19-tracker-app-1.4289700>