

Choosing our future relationship with COVID-19:

Independent Scientific
Advocacy Group

Elimination or sustained endemic transmission?

ISAG public meeting and press conference – Wednesday 30 June 2021, 12pm

We've still got choices about COVID-19. We can decide to let it hang around, as a new endemic virus causing regular outbreaks of serious illness, considerably worse than flu. (To put it into perspective, every winter the health services are strained, and people die, from flu).

COVID-19 is already far more transmissible and virulent and what we know about the history of other pathogens suggests we should expect no favours as it continues to evolve. Ireland is a wealthy country, with a reasonable health service; many countries are far less equipped. We have choices. We have the choice to eliminate COVID19, allowing our economy and society to recover while also greatly reducing the risk of nasty surprises from new variants.

This would then allow us to play a stronger role in helping less equipped countries find their way out of trouble, thereby bringing the global pandemic closer to an end for everyone.

To join an open discussion led by Gerry Killeen, UCC about the issues, and our options and to ask questions, click here to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ktoXytirQXWu8B3TErRGbg

This will primarily be a Questions and Answers session. We welcome advance questions from members of the press, politicians, special interest groups and the public sent to: isagcovid@gmail.com , or ask them live.

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BACKGROUND DETAILS:

ISAG (Independent Scientific Advocacy Group) is offering the group's expertise and experience to work together with Governments and the people to aim for Zero Covid, meaning zero mystery cases in our shared islands. Founded by Anthony Staines, Gerry Killeen, and Tomás Ryan in June 2020, I.S.A.G. is independent of the government. All of our members are volunteers and they freely commit their time every week to discuss the COVID-19 science that underpins our governments' response strategies. ISAG is a multidisciplinary group of scientists, academics, and researchers who have come together to advocate for a SARS-CoV-2 elimination strategy. I.S.A.G. has published several papers outlining its strategy and recommendations, and you can find them at www.isagcovid19.org