



Letting it Rip, Irish style

ISAG public meeting and press conference

12pm, Wednesday 21st July 2021

As the UK moves through 'Freedom Day', and case numbers, hospitalisations, and deaths rise, what are the implications for the island of Ireland? In both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, case numbers are rising, with the North a little ahead. Hospitality is due to open up, at least temporarily, and the numbers travelling abroad are increasing. Rates are beginning to rise in older people in Northern Ireland, but full data for the Republic are still not available.

The Irish people. North and South, have done what they could, and what was needed. The two governments have not. We have made no serious attempt to control case numbers, so July this year will see far more cases, more deaths and more hospital admissions than July 2020.

The hospitality, music and pub industries, already on their knees, are about to be sacrificed again, for no good reason. The fixed determination to allow travel to continue at any cost, a determination supported by IBEC, the representative of large business interests, is hard to explain.

There are alternatives, and the Independent Scientific Advocacy Group (ISAG) has sent a short letter to the Minister for Health outlining these. The decision to allow case numbers to rise out of control is a political decision, and there are practical, feasible, and achievable alternatives. Come along on Wednesday at 12 noon to hear more.

The event will be chaired by Prof. Aoife McLysaght (Trinity College Dublin). The webinar will begin with a brief situation report, and will be followed by an open discussion with ISAG members.

To attend and listen or to ask questions, click here to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zg_eYI_CQnWxnmVq8aG6vA

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.