



COVID-19 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY UPDATES

Lockdown 2

January - May 2021

COVID-19 – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY LOCKDOWN NR.2

Week 1 – UPDATE (11.01.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Sites shut from 8th-31st Jan
- Except C-19 projects, schools, Grangegorman, social hsg (28 Feb*), private hsg (31 Jan†), manufacturing incl pharma, IT, data centres



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Supply chain delays at ports
- New custom rules with UK
- Impact on CE Markings



DESIGN TEAMS



- 'Hybrid Working Model' born
- 'More of the same' for the next few months
- EWSS tough qualifying criteria will prove a challenge



PIPELINE



- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
- Retail and Hospitality slower
- Early stage pipeline has reduced but likely to rebound post-vaccine



CONTRACTS



- Reopening of old wounds for pre-covid contracts
- First test of post-covid contracts
- CIF SOP already dealt with



* project must be scheduled to be complete by this date
† project must be capable of being occupied by this date

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Week 2 – UPDATE (18.01.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Sites shut from 8th-31st Jan
- Except schools, GDA, social hsg (28 Feb*), private hsg (31 Jan[†]), manufacturing incl pharma, IT, data centres
- Essential works underway



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Ongoing delays at Ports
- Expansion of direct ferries to Europe
- NI Steel Tariffs up to 25%



DESIGN TEAMS



- 'Hybrid Working Model' born
- 'More of the same' for the next few months
- More disruption due to higher number of people off



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CONTRACTS



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- Tender period extensions due to supply chain resource issues



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Week 3 – UPDATE (26.01.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Govt sub-committee recommend shutdown until 5th March 2021
- Same exemptions
- PUP up 75% from last week
- Overseas travel restrictions may affect labour



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Ongoing delays at Ports
- Price increase Notifications
- Timber supply shortages



DESIGN TEAMS



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Week 4 – UPDATE (31.01.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Sites to reopen when cases are less than 1,000 (*Taoiseach 31/1/21*)
- Level 5 to continue to 5th March 2021
- Same exemptions
- PUP up 9% from last week



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Fivefold freight volume increase at Rosslare Port
- Price increase Notifications on Timber, Steel and Insulation



DESIGN TEAMS



- Another 5 weeks WFH..
- Clients make decisions on supporting DT's in Feb
- Home-schooling very challenging



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CONTRACTS

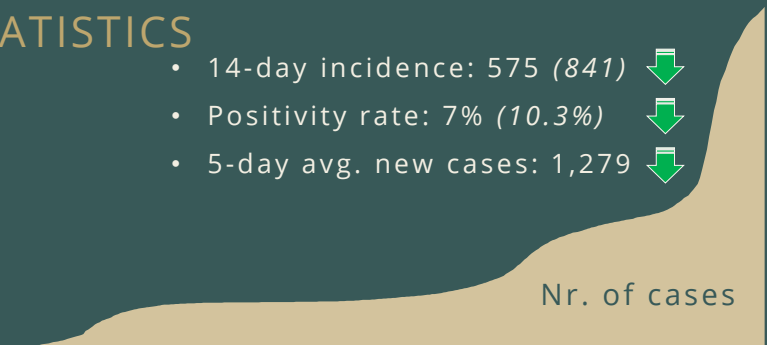


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- Tender period extensions due to supply chain resource issues
- New round of negotiations commence



STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 575 (*841*) 
- Positivity rate: 7% (*10.3%*) 
- 5-day avg. new cases: 1,279 



Previous week's numbers in *italics*

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Week 5 – UPDATE (08.02.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Sites to reopen when cases are less than 1,000 (*Taoiseach 31/1/21*)
- Case numbers avg. 1,046 for last 5 days
- Level 5 to continue to 5th March 2021
- PUP up 2% from last week



DESIGN TEAMS



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CONTRACTS



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BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Five-fold freight volume increase at Rosslare Port
- Price increase Notifications on Timber, Steel and Insulation
- Large increase in shipping costs from Asia to Europe






PIPELINE



- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
- Retail and Hospitality slower
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 346 (575) 
- Positivity rate: 5.8% (7%) 
- 5-day avg. new cases: 1,046 

Nr. of cases

Previous week's numbers in *italics*

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Week 6 – UPDATE (15.02.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Unlikely sites will reopen even though cases <1,000
- Possible phased reopening from March 8th
- Priority to be given to new homes potentially
- Case numbers avg. 932 for last 5 days



DESIGN TEAMS



- Phased reopening of schools from 22nd Feb
- Continuing restrictions waring...
- Work busy but more peaks and troughs



CONTRACTS



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- New round of negotiations commence



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Customs Clearance Agents being engaged
- Freight trade with the UK was down 50% from normal levels in January
- IIFA warning to be ready for when trade volume increases






PIPELINE



- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
- Retail and Hospitality slower
- Early stage pipeline has reduced but likely to rebound post-vaccine



STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 287 (346) 
- Positivity rate: 5.7% (5.8%) 
- 5-day avg. new cases: 932 

Nr. of cases

Previous week's numbers in *italics*

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Week 7 – UPDATE (23.02.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Shutdown extended to April 5th
- 'Gradual reopening' of construction from 5th April – phasing
- PUP fallen by 2.3% in last two weeks to 61,077



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Contractors seeking payments for off-site materials
- Customs Clearance Agents being engaged
- IIFA warning to be ready for when trade volume increases



DESIGN TEAMS



- Phased reopening of schools from 1st March
- 55-60% of people to be fully vaccinated by June
- Business supports extended to June 21



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CONTRACTS



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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 240 (287) 
- Positivity rate: 5.1% (5.7%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 738 (932) 

Nr. of cases

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Week 8 – UPDATE (1.03.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Varadkar talks main restrictions into May
- Possible easing of construction restrictions from 5th April
- Growing frustration amongst contractors



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 212 (240) 
- Positivity rate: 4.4% (5.1%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 663 (738) 

Nr. of cases

Previous week's numbers in *italics*

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Week 9 – UPDATE (9.03.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Tentative talks between CIF and government
- Industry hope to open on 5th April
- PUP down 4% to 58,864
- McKinsey report shows construction is low risk



DESIGN TEAMS



- Phased reopening of schools from 1st March
- 55-60% of people to be fully vaccinated by June
- Business supports extended to June 21



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Trade volumes on ROI/GB routes remain behind 2020 figures
- 80% of freight movements into Ireland from GB are now green routed
- 150% increase in frequency of direct sailings to Europe



PIPELINE



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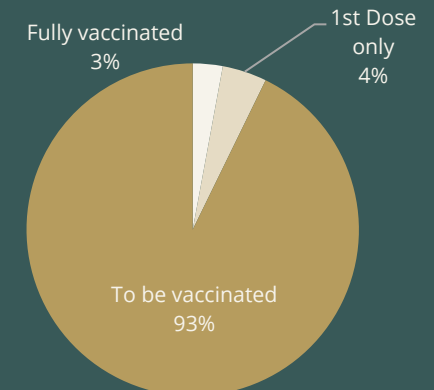


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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 167 (212) 
- Positivity rate: 3.8% (4.4%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 467 (663) 



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Week 10 – UPDATE (18.03.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Court case taken challenging construction restrictions
- EY-DKM report estimates €3bn loss of output and 5,000 housing units
- 2,500 workers moved abroad for work (IPCA)



DESIGN TEAMS



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- 55-60% of people to be fully vaccinated by June
- Business supports extended to June 21



CONTRACTS



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BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Next Phase of UK Import Controls delayed by 6 months
- 80% of freight movements into Ireland from GB are now green routed
- 150% increase in frequency of direct sailings to Europe






PIPELINE



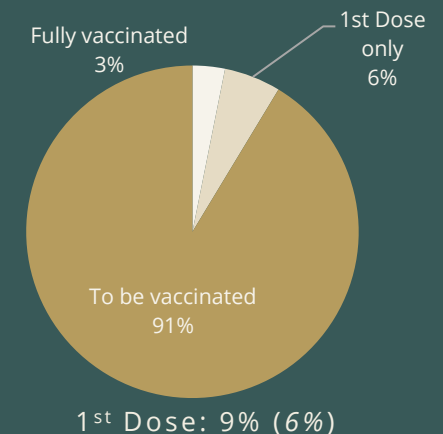
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 148 (167) 
- Positivity rate: 3.8% (3.8%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 482 (467) 

(Previous numbers in italics)



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Week 11 – UPDATE (24.03.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- 5-day avg. case numbers up 11%
- PUP down 6% since 8 March (3,280 people)
- 5th April *likely* for residential restart
- 2-3 weeks later for non-residential



DESIGN TEAMS



- Vaccination programme much slower than expected (9,750 pers./day)
- At 40,000 pers./day it would take until Nov 21 to be fully vaccinated



CONTRACTS



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- New round of negotiations commence



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Goods imports from Britain fell by 65% in January, down €906m
- Exports to Britain were 14% lower in January
- Goods imports from EU decreased by 13%, while exports to EU countries decreased by 23%






PIPELINE



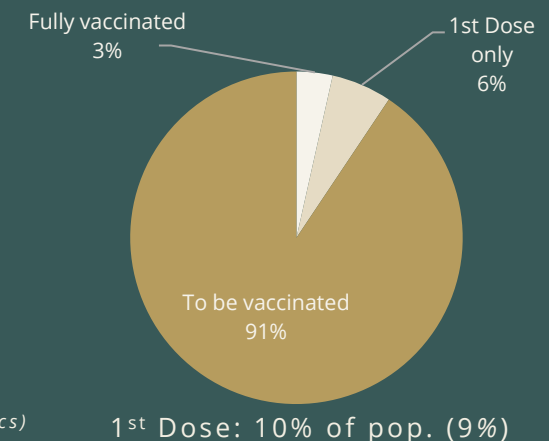
- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
- Retail and Hospitality slower
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 157 (148) 
- Positivity rate: 4.0% (3.8%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 538 (482) 

(Previous numbers in italics)



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Week 12 – UPDATE (30.03.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



- Residential and Creches can reopen on 12th April
- 4th May likely for remainder of industry but dates to be confirmed towards end of April
- Additional 14-15,000 due back to work



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Shortages of materials from Builders Merchants
- Suez Canal blockage has disrupted global shipping
- Potential for increased shipping costs



DESIGN TEAMS



- Vaccination critical to full reopening
- 3m vaccines due in Q2
- 55% 1st dose by June
- 22% full vaccinated by June



PIPELINE



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CONTRACTS



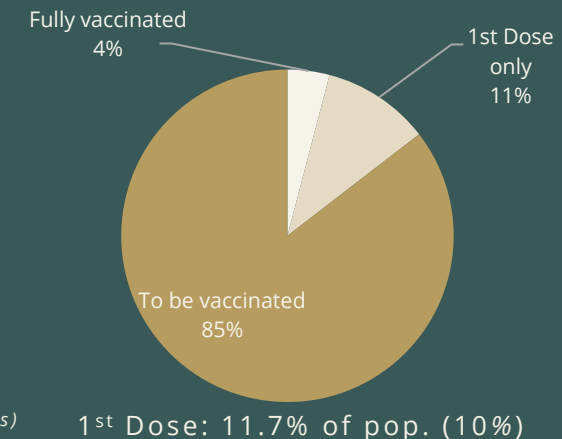
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 164 (157) 
- Positivity rate: 3.3% (4.0%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 544 (538) 

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Week 13 – UPDATE (07.04.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



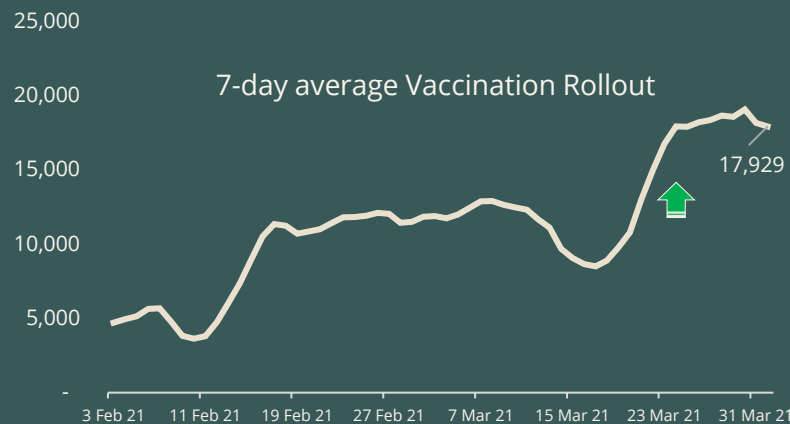
- Residential projects get ready to restart
- Contractors very frustrated at partial reopening
- 4th May likely for remainder of industry but dates to be confirmed towards end of April



VACCINE



- Vaccination rollout has improved. 7-day average of 18,000 pers./day
- High of 31,011 people vaccinated on 2nd April
- Current restriction is supply, not administering



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- IRHA warns effects of Suez Canal blockage will impact Irish trade
- Shortages of shipping containers still effecting global trade
- Shortages of materials from Builders Merchants






PIPELINE



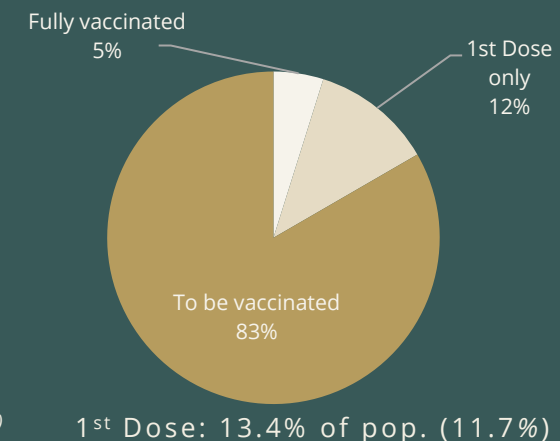
- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
- Retail and Hospitality slower
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 157 (164) 
- Positivity rate: 3.1% (3.3%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 464 (544) 

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Week 14 – UPDATE (14.04.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



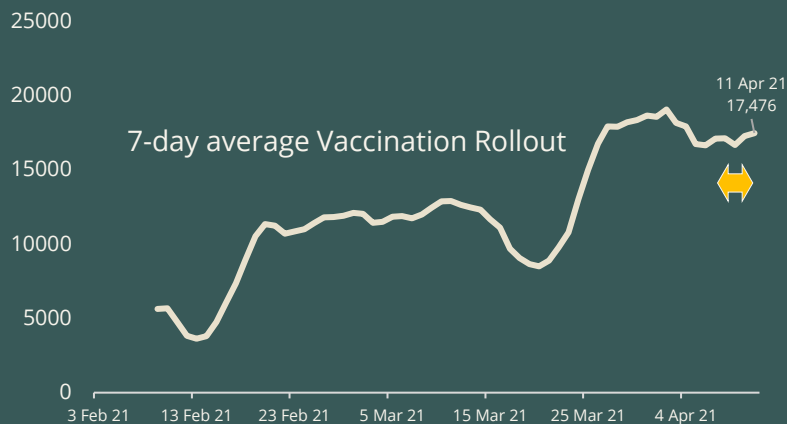
- Residential sites reopened on 12th April
- Resources at 85-95% on reopened sites
- Overseas workers returning with 2 week quarantine
- PUP number down 8% to 50,169



VACCINE



- +900,000 vaccines now expected by end of June
- 93% of over-18's should have 1st dose by June
- 28% of over-18's should be fully vaccinated
- Issues with AZ and J&J



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



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PIPELINE



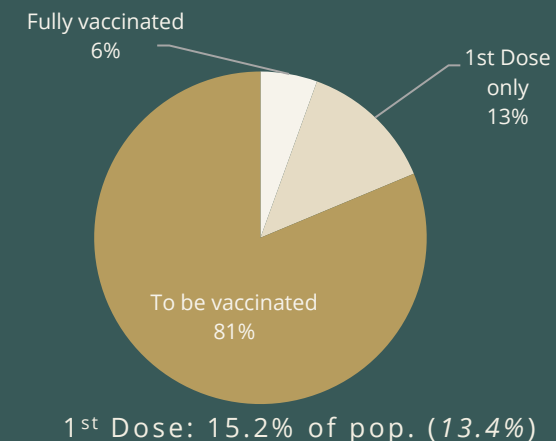
- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 131 (157) 
- Positivity rate: 2.7% (3.1%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 397 (464) 

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Week 15 – UPDATE (21.04.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



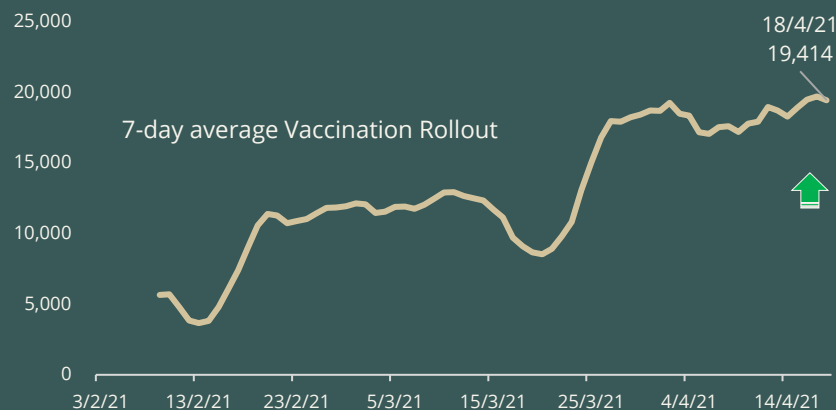
- Residential sites reopened on 12th April
- Resources at 85-95% on reopened sites
- Some issues with overseas workers returning in time
- PUP number down 2% to 48,933



VACCINE



- Extra 545,000 Pfizer vaccines now expected by end of June
- 100% of over-18's should have 1st dose by June
- 31% of over-18's should be fully vaccinated
- 7-day average up 9%



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



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PIPELINE



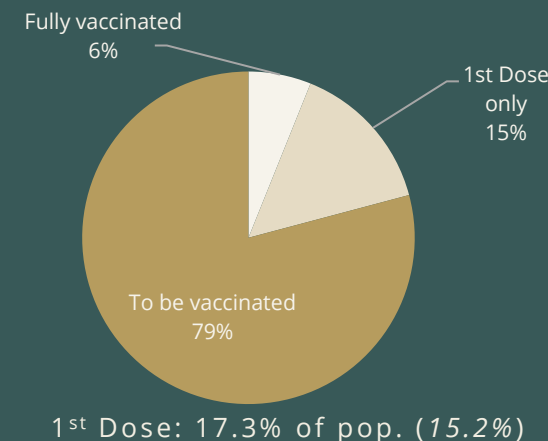
- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 115 (131) 
- Positivity rate: 2.7% (2.7%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 380 (397) 

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Week 16 – UPDATE (21.04.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



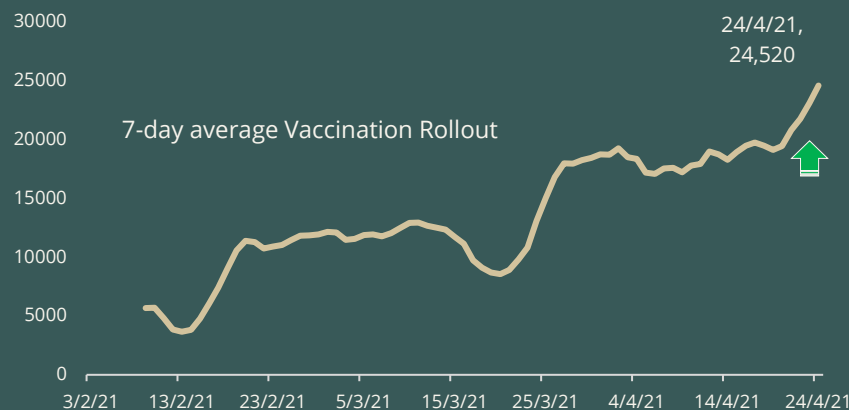
- Awaiting formal announcement of 4th May restart for non-resi
- Some issues with overseas workers returning in time
- PUP number down 13% to 42,333



VACCINE



- Positive news on AZ and J&J vaccines
- 100% of over-18's should have 1st dose by June/July
- 33% of over-18's should be fully vaccinated
- 7-day average up 26% to 24,520



BREXIT & SUPPLY CHAIN



- Warnings of material price increases between 5 to 12%
- Lack of timber supply is a growing concern
- Further pressure expected in May when stockpiles run low and all sites reopened






PIPELINE



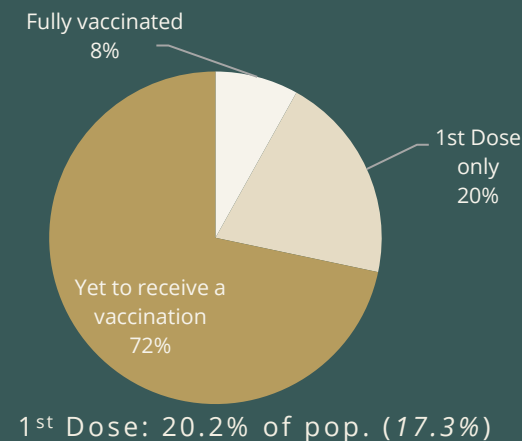
- Active sectors moving (Resi; data centres etc)
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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 121 (115) 
- Positivity rate: 2.8% (2.7%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 437 (380) 

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Week 17 – UPDATE (4.5.2021)

CONSTRUCTION SITES



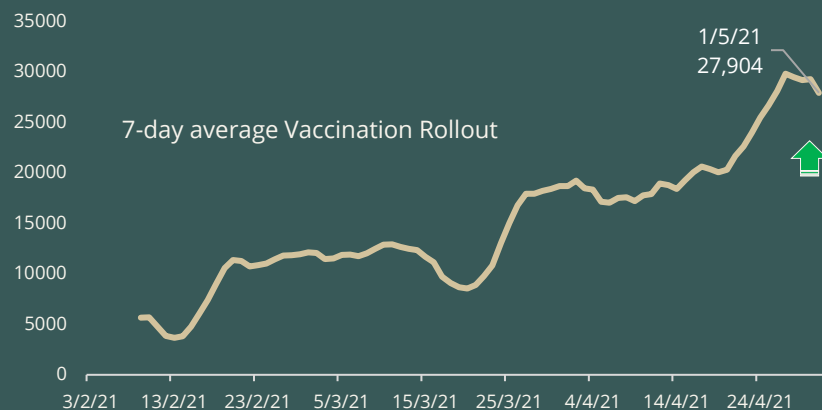
- Restrictions lifted on 4th May
- Likely to be teething issues for a couple of weeks with labour and supplies
- PUP number down 12% to 37,437 (4/5/21)



VACCINE



- New high of 44,586 daily doses hit
- 100% of over-18's should have 1st dose by June/July
- 33% of over-18's should be fully vaccinated
- 7-day average up 4.6% to 27,904



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STATISTICS

- 14-day incidence: 134 (121) 
- Positivity rate: 2.7% (2.8%) 
- 5-day avg new cases: 470 (437) 

(Previous numbers in italics)

