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1. Want To Read Or Listen To Michael O Leary Chew Up And Spit Out Long Covid Claire

Michael O Leary splits opinion but in this interview with Claire Byrne he absolutely savages her and shows her up for what she is. A govt mouthpiece who spouts non-stop propaganda

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Michael O' Leary

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Ryanair CEO Michael O' Leary has called on Transport Minister Eamon Ryan to immediately follow the UK Government's decision to allow both vaccinated citizens and their children under eighteen years of age to travel freely from the 19th of July without quarantine restrictions. He joined Claire on the line to express his reasoning for doing so.



2. I have included both the audio link and the transcription. Rather than try to pick out the best bits I have included the whole interview as everything he says is worth reading or listening to.

You'll also see why she deserves the Long Covid Claire moniker

3. Please ignore the time stamps in the transcription as they aren't 100% accurate

Audio interview link 🖱️

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CB

Claire Byrne 0:08

We are joined on the line now by Michael O Leary, the Chief Executive of Ryanair.
Good morning Michael

MO

Michael O Leary 0:08

Good morning Claire how are you.

CB

Claire Byrne 0:08

Thanks very much for joining us. You are calling on the Transport Minister to immediately follow the UK government's decision and example. You want vaccinated citizens, and their children under 18 to be allowed to travel freely from the 19th of July.

MO

Michael O Leary 0:21

Absolutely. The UK you know yesterday came out and said fully vaccinated people can travel to amber countries which is essentially all of the EU destinations and critically they said their children under 18 will not be subject to quarantine restrictions. We had a meeting with the Department of Transport yesterday, the national facilitation committee and the airlines and tourism interest. And remarkably, they were trying to explain to us that vaccinated Irish citizens can travel without restriction from the 19th of July, but their children under 18 will have to have a negative PCR test and quarantine for 14 days on their return to Ireland. We asked them to explain why that was the case, they couldn't. They said it was a public health issue. But so what we have here, Minister Ryan came out yesterday, a report in the Irish Times today saying that vaccinated people, a lot of Irish families in the UK want to travel home and see relatives. Vaccinated people travelling from Britain will not face quarantine, which is great, but their children under 18 will who aren't vaccinated.

CB

Claire Byrne 1:27

We all understand that people want to travel and families want to reunite but are we not in a really dangerous situation here with this delta wave on our shores, and we had the HSE's chief clinical officer in here this morning and he was talking about this letter from all the medics, published in The Lancet in the medical journal, describing Britain's entire strategy here as a dangerous and unethical experiment.

MO Michael O Leary 1:48

Which is again more of the scariant variant narrative coming out of NPHE. Micheal Martin yesterday proudly announced in a tweet 2 million Irish people are now fully vaccinated and 70% of adults have received at least one dose. Now nobody would belittle the Delta variant. But what the HSE and NPHE keep ignoring is the fact that the link between case numbers and serious illness and hospitalizations has effectively been broken, by the vaccination.

CB Claire Byrne 2:16

They said weak but not broken,

MO Michael O Leary 2:18

The UK have said that, so have the European and the ECDC,

CB Claire Byrne 2:22

But just because the UK has said that, it doesn't mean they're right, and we know that right around the world other regimes are really worried, aren't they.

MO Michael O Leary 2:31

You have to stop using these generalisations. Look we have 27 other EU member states have from the first of July, removed travel restrictions for vaccinated, people, adults and children under 18. Ireland is the only country out of 28 EU members that one hasn't even issued the digital COVID cert and two, is now saying from the 19th of July, parents who are vaccinated can travel, but children under 18, who do not pose a serious risk of spreading COVID cannot travel or can only travel with a negative PCR and must isolate for 14 days on their return to Ireland. So in other words if you're looking at booking a family holiday in Spain or Portugal, in August, and your children have to go back to school at the end of August, you now either have to cut it short and come back at least two weeks early, not because you're fully vaccinated but because Eamon Ryan says your children must quarantine for two weeks having returned from Spain and Portugal.

CB Claire Byrne 3:25

Yeah I suppose he got that on one side but then you got the World Health Organisation who were on the programme here yesterday saying to us that even though you have this EU digital COVID certificate now coming in here on the 19th he's saying the current situation is too uncertain for non essential travel to once again be the norm.

MO Michael O Leary 3:41

That's not the case in Europe, the World Health Organisation, you know, give you a worldview. In Europe we have very high, very high and rising rates of vaccination in Ireland thankfully 40% of all adults are now fully vaccinated, that means, all of the vulnerable groups, the elderly, hospital workers, all the people who are likely to be vulnerable, of serious illness and hospitalizations have been fully vaccinated.

CB Claire Byrne ✓ 4:03

But he's talking about the rest of Europe and Ireland

MO Michael O Leary 4:08

But he's simply wrong, the rest of Europe is moving. The rest of Europe is no longer requiring these lockdowns. Austria for example is now allowing you to eat in restaurants and Denmark has been allowing you to eat at restaurants for the last four months, Portugal allows you to eat in restaurants, so does Spain. In Ireland, we're still hiding in the dark corner with NPHET out there pontificating on about their "scariant variant" where we have 17 people in ICU, and only 50 People in our hospital. And with the greatest of respect NPHET keep coming out going on about case numbers, case numbers, case numbers which have been rising for the last three weeks with no significant increase in either ICU or hospitalizations. The link has essentially been broken. People should be permitted to travel and the two key people who should be ready to travel are fully vaccinated adults and children under 18.

CB Claire Byrne 4:57

OK, we don't want to put schools at risk, though, do we for September. That's what most parents, like myself, maybe yourself I don't know, will be concerned about that if things go down the wrong road and we have children who are sick, or who are close contacts and the schools have to close down, that's a situation, nobody wants to have to face.

MO Michael O Leary ✓ 5:13

You keep coming up with hypotheses that were relevant pre vaccinations. Why would you have to lock down schools in September when we at that point in time will have 60% of our adult population fully vaccinated then you'll start vaccinating the children as well . The vaccinations have completely changed this whole narrative and you're not going to be locking down schools. (not sure if he said that last bit about vaccinating children as it was hard to hear with Clare interrupting).

CB Claire Byrne 5:44

At the start of this interview he said nobody is belittling Delta, and then later on you went on to say, scariant variant, so which is it ?

MO Michael O Leary 5:54

It's both. There will be a rise in Delta variant cases of people around Europe beginning to move. What there won't be is an overwhelmed hospital system or an overwhelmed ICU system, because the increase in deaths or case numbers in the UK, and certainly here in Ireland has not given rise to a similar or related rise in hospitalizations or serious illness, because all of the vaccinated groups, or the other groups have now been vaccinated. So we're still talking about locking people up, keeping people locked down NPHET is there with their nonsense about keeping the restaurants closed.

CB Claire Byrne 6:31

In fairness to them they're trying to open the restaurants up by making sure that those who are inside the restaurants are vaccinated. Isn't that what they're trying to do, they're trying to find a way to open them.

MO Michael O Leary 6:42

They should open them, they've been open in Denmark for four months. But the problem with the restaurants or the challenge for the restaurants with this NPHET advice is that the vaccinated parents can go out for a meal at the restaurant, but they can't bring their children under the age of 18. We have to include under 18 age children in whatever measures we take for vaccinated people so that families can move together whether it's to go for a meal in a restaurant or its to go for a holiday to Portugal or Spain. Much more importantly from an Irish point of view, the real price here is to get our tourism industry restarted, is we need to start welcoming UK families in here.

CB Claire Byrne 7:20

You were looking for a more relaxed regime back in June 2020 and look what happened in the aftermath of that. I mean, NPHET, the HSE and the government are all operating here with caution. How are you so sure that they're wrong and you're right.

MO Michael O Leary 7:34

There was a more relaxed regime last year through May, June and July that did not result in hospitalizations, that came along in September and October. The difference now in 2021 is vaccinations, which has transformed the situation. We have 27 other EU member states, where people are free to move around who are vaccinated. Children under 18 can eat in restaurants. In Ireland, we're still locked up. Our nearest neighbour, the UK, which by the way we have an open border with at the north of Ireland have been allowed to eat in restaurants and open their pubs, for the last four weeks. And we're still having NPHEC telling us Woo, we have to lock up until the 19th of July.

CB Claire Byrne 8:13

Its not just NPHEC, every medic, we looked at that letter I quoted earlier on in the Lancet will tell you with over 100 people in the UK.

MO Michael O Leary 8:20

Thats not every medic. Luke O'Neill will tell you, how a much more common sense approach like stop quoting the Lancet

CB Claire Byrne 8:28

He was here. I can tell you exactly what he said about it, he's not happy about it either. He thinks it's too much too soon.

MO Michael O Leary  8:33

What's too much too soon ?

CB Claire Byrne 8:35

Opening up, allowing people to travel, allowing people to eat indoors alone, with no masks.

MO Michael O Leary  8:43

You know you're misquoting ? and he says there's no issue with vaccinating ? family. People are free to travel around Europe and have been since the first of July.

CB**Claire Byrne** ✓ 9:08

I'm not going to argue with you on the basic point people want to travel. I understand that people want to go out and work on aeroplanes and work in airports goodness me yes you know they want to, but we've got, surely, we've got to be careful we don't want to put people at risk. This we're in a new situation with this delta thing. We don't know where it's going to end up,

MO**Michael O Leary** 9:23

We do, we are not in a new situation. All of your vulnerable groups have been vaccinated as they have been all over Europe, and you keep kind of with respect trotting out this we have to protect. Who are you protecting. You're not protecting the vulnerable because they're already vaccinated, you may protected children from the ages of 25 and over or under 18 from catching COVID, or most of them will be asymptomatic anyway and suffer very little serious illness. So who is it we are protecting with these ridiculous and frankly unique lockdown measures which apply in no other EU member state.

CB**Claire Byrne** 9:55

We are protecting the people who won't be protected through vaccination and who may get long COVID and we know that there are question marks over just how many young people will get long COVID and suffer symptoms for months after they are infected. But look, we hear what you're saying.

MO**Michael O Leary** ✓ 10:12

You're just making that up

CB**Claire Byrne** ✓ 10:17

I'm not making that up. The only person making stuff up here is you because you're not a medic, you don't know how many people the infection will bypass their vaccination, You don't know how many people will get long COVID. You can't say that with clarity.



Michael O Leary 10:32

No, what I can say with absolute clarity before you give me another bashing over the head is the 27 other EU member states, and their chief medical officer, and their scientists have removed the restriction on travel between EU member states. They've also allowed the restaurants, and their hotels, open for more than two months, and they've done it safely without any scare stories coming out of NPHET or with respect from RTE. In this country we're still locked up, despite the fact that we have 17 people in ICU and just 50 people in our hospitals, and it is not proper journalism from you to bandy about the risk of long COVID in young people when the huge, overwhelming majority of young people under the age of 25 do not have long COVID and are asymptomatic.



Claire Byrne 11:18

Thank you very much for asking to appear on the programme today we're very glad to talk to you.

11. You know the drill 😊 I write these 🧵 in my spare time and would really appreciate if you could retweet the very 1st tweet. Likes are great but retweets are required to reach as large an audience as possible to expose what is really going on behind the scenes. Many thanks.