Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 30 September

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 1 person with COVID-19 has died.

There has now been a total of 1,804 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 29 September, the HPSC has been notified of 429 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 36,155* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland. (*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 14 confirmed cases. The figure of 36,155 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 203 are men and 226 are women
- 65% are under 45 years of age
- 45% are confirmed to be associated with outbreaks or are close contacts of a confirmed case
- 77 cases have been identified as community transmission
- 189 cases are in Dublin, 60 in Cork, 31 in Donegal, 28 in Galway, 18 in Kildare, 15 in Wicklow, 15 in Clare, 12 in Limerick, 9 in Meath, 8 in Louth, 7 in Cavan, 7 in Longford, 6 in Laois, 5 in Offaly, 5 in Westmeath, with the remaining 14 cases in 8 counties

The HSE is working to identify any contacts the patients may have had to provide them with information and advice to prevent further spread.

Dr Ronan Glynn, Acting Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, said:

"This evening there are 130 people with COVID-19 in hospital – 15 in the last 24 hours. Recently we asked everyone to half their social contacts. Reducing the number of people that we meet - and engaging safely with a small core group - remains the cornerstone of our collective effort to reduce the spread of this virus and its impact on our health and the health of the people that we care about."

Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, HSE, said:

"Community transmission represents the greatest threat to patients and staff in hospitals and residential care facilities. When you are making plans to meet friends and socialise this week, take a minute to consider our healthcare workers, who have been at the frontline since the beginning of the pandemic, in hospitals, in nursing homes and in our homes, caring for those who are ill and those who are the most vulnerable to this highly infectious virus.

"Every time you wear a facemask, wash your hands, cover your coughs and keep your distance, your actions are not only preventing the transmission of the virus, but you are also protecting older and vulnerable people and healthcare workers."

Professor Philip Nolan, Chair of the NPHET Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group, said:

"The R number is now between 1.2 and 1.4. While we are cautiously optimistic about Dublin, we have seen relatively high case numbers in the last few days, and it will be a number of days yet before the pattern is clear. Case numbers are clearly rising across the country. We need to remain vigilant, to ensure we do not lose the ground that we have gained across the capital city since we moved to Level 3, and to ensure we do not see further deterioration outside the capital."

Dr Breda Smyth, Director of Public Health, HSE West:

"I am asking people of all ages to play their part to suppress this virus. It is important for everyone to stay connected, but you need to do this in a safe way, at a distance, and virtually as much as you can. If you have symptoms, stay at home, call your doctor to arrange for a test and let the people that you live with know about it as soon as possible. If you find out that you are close contact, please come forward for testing. Remember that COVID-19 is a highly infectious disease that can have a devastating impact on your health at any age."

The COVID-19 Dashboard provides up-to-date information on the key indicators of COVID-19 in the community.

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Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	35,726
Total number hospitalised	3,600
Total number admitted to ICU	470
Total number of deaths	1,547

Total number of healthcare workers 9,183
Number clusters notified   4,055
Cases associated with clusters   19,881
Median age   44

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 28 September.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Female	19,649	+185
Male	16,046	+165
Unknown	31	No change
Total	35,726	+350

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 28 September.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases	Change since the day before
0 - 4	516	+9
5 - 14	1,138	+16
15 - 24	4,221	+93
25 - 34	6,286	+52
35 - 44	6,060	+52
45 - 54	5,970	+52
55 - 64	4,156	+40
65 - 74	2,329	+23
75 - 84	2,539	+9
85+	2,487	+5
Unknown	24	-1

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How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	28.8
Close contact with confirmed case	67.7
Travel abroad	2.3
Unknown	1.2

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Note:

In the event that a person tests positive for COVID-19 and hasn't been abroad or had contact with another confirmed case in Ireland, that's known as community transmission.

In the event that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 can be linked to another confirmed case in Ireland, that's known as close contact.

Hospitalised cases by age group

Age range	Number of cases	Change since the day before
0 - 4	29	No change
5 - 14	20	No change
15 - 24	93	+1
25 - 34	217	No change
35 - 44	293	+2
45 - 54	486	+1
55 - 64	543	+4
65 - 74	641	No change
75 - 84	785	+1
85+	492	-2
Unknown	1	No change

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 28 September.

Cases by county

Note: The Health Protection Surveillance Centre have advised that in the process of validating data and reviewing addresses, county totals may change due to cases being reassigned to another county. Totals can go up or down.

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	285	+4
Cavan	946	+2
Clare	568	+6
Cork	2,085	+40
Donegal	918	+23
Dublin	16,960	+145
Galway	736	+13
Kerry	390	+4
Kildare	2,567	+9
Kilkenny	459	+4

Laois	447	No change
Leitrim	116	No change
Limerick	946	+9
Longford	345	+4
Louth	1,034	+4
Mayo	648	+3
Meath	1,053	+10
Monaghan	671	+14
Offaly	721	+4
Roscommon	445	+15
Sligo	180	No change
Tipperary	786	+5
Waterford	338	+1
Westmeath	773	+3
Wexford	397	+16
Wicklow	912	+12

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