

# Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Thursday 22 October

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 3 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 1,871 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Wednesday 21 October the HPSC has been notified of 1,066 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 54,476\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(\*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 12 confirmed cases. The figure of 54,476 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 536 are men / 528 are women
- 67% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 32 years old
- 244 in Dublin, 104 in Galway, 98 in Cork, 92 in Meath and the remaining 528 cases are spread across all remaining counties

As of 2pm today, 313 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 37 are in ICU. There have been 20 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

Dr. Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health said:

"We are now in Level 5 because the disease is at very serious levels in our country and posing a significant risk to public health.

"We all need to stay at home, except for essential work and exceptional circumstances. If you are a confirmed case self-isolate at home, if you are a close contact of a confirmed case

restrict your movements at home, if you are experiencing symptoms or believe you are a close contact - restrict your movements and contact your GP."

Dr. Heather Burns, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health said:

"The 14-day incidence was at 3 per 100,000 at the end of June - today it is 302 per 100,000 population. The risk of you being exposed to COVID-19 is now 100 times greater than it was 4 months ago. Please limit your risk by staying at home and following public health advice."

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

"The reproduction number is 1.3 - 1.4 nationally. Our collective goal now is to suppress transmission of the virus and bring our case numbers to manageable levels. If we work hard together to get the reproduction number to 0.5, we should succeed in reducing cases to below 100 a day in six weeks' time."

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

"Based on our experience, widespread community transmission results in spread to vulnerable groups in congregated settings. The single most effective measure to protect vulnerable groups, including nursing homes, is to reduce community transmission significantly. Every one of us has a role to play to achieve this."

The [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) provides up-to-date information on the key indicators of COVID-19 in the community.

**ENDS**

**Today's cases, 14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population and new cases in last 14 days (as of midnight 21 October 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Today's Cases (to midnight 21/10/20)</b>	<b>14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 21/10/20)</b>	<b>New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 21/10/20)</b>
<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>302.5</b>	<b>14,404</b>
Cavan	56	1,055.5	804
Meath	92	659.9	1287
Westmeath	16	417.9	371
Monaghan	22	404.0	248
Sligo	30	396.7	260
Galway	104	355.7	918
Cork	98	339.7	1,844
Donegal	56	321.0	511
Kildare	40	306.1	681
Clare	18	302.1	359

Wexford	19	301.2	451
Limerick	44	293.0	571
Louth	42	289.4	373
Longford	<5	283.8	116
Leitrim	<5	271.5	87
Kerry	22	269.5	398
Roscommon	19	258.7	167
Dublin	244	253.3	3,412
Carlow	22	242.4	138
Mayo	36	227.6	297
Laois	15	222.0	188
Offaly	6	221.9	173
Kilkenny	14	177.4	176
Waterford	25	173.0	201
Wicklow	11	127.1	181
Tipperary	8	120.3	192

**Note:**

The lowest national 14-day incidence rate was on 3 July 2020, when the rate was 2.98 cases per 100,000 population.

## Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	53,410
Total number hospitalised	4,118
Total number admitted to ICU	524
Total number of deaths	1,615
Total number of healthcare workers	10,086
Number clusters notified	5,900
Cases associated with clusters	26,642
Median age	40

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 20 October.

## Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Female	28,517	+621
Male	24,844	+533
Unknown	49	+1
Total	53,410	+1,155

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 20 October.

## Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases	Change since the day before
0 - 4	1,056	+43
5 - 14	2,508	+104
15 - 24	8,946	+279
25 - 34	9,241	+173
35 - 44	8,514	+144
45 - 54	8,293	+159
55 - 64	5,956	+115
65 - 74	3,145	+60
75 - 84	2,967	+38
85+	2,755	+40
Unknown	29	No change

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 20 October.

## How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	28.1
Close contact with confirmed case	62.2
Travel abroad	1.7
Unknown	8

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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	42	No change
5 - 14	38	+2
15 - 24	124	+1

25 - 34	265	+4
35 - 44	330	+3
45 - 54	537	+9
55 - 64	620	+15
65 - 74	725	+11
75 - 84	883	+11
85+	551	+8
Unknown	2	-1

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 20 October.

## 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.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Change since the day before</b>
Carlow	418	+4
Cavan	1,800	+86
Clare	1,099	+10
Cork	4,329	+137
Donegal	1,756	+47
Dublin	21,523	+254
Galway	1,743	+67
Kerry	855	+28
Kildare	3,377	+67
Kilkenny	659	+9
Laois	698	+19
Leitrim	208	+5
Limerick	1,664	+27
Longford	507	+6
Louth	1,442	+56
Mayo	952	+36
Meath	2,416	+94
Monaghan	1,003	+11
Offaly	956	+14
Roscommon	667	+20
Sligo	469	+18
Tipperary	1,038	+11
Waterford	548	+7
Westmeath	1,200	+86

Wexford	915	+25
Wicklow	1,168	+11

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