Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 2 December

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 5 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has now been a total of 2,074 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 1 December, the HPSC has been notified of 270 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 73,066* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 2 confirmed cases. The figure of 73,066 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 141 are men and 129 are women
- 63% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 37 years old
- 58 in Dublin, 38 in Donegal, 28 in Wicklow, 25 in Mayo, 24 in Limerick and the remaining 97 cases are spread across 21 other counties

As of 2pm today, 231 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 31 are in ICU. There have been 27 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"It is important to keep up the progress that we have achieved in recent weeks. Ireland now has the lowest 14-day incidence of COVID-19 in the EU according to the latest ECDC figures and we need to hold firm to this position. As the country moves into Level 3, there is no room for complacency in our response to COVID-19.

"As more services reopen for business, remember to use the basic public health advice as a guide when organising your time. When you are out in shops and accessing services, try to avoid high risk situations and wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible on busy streets and crowded outdoor areas. When you come home from shopping or being outdoors, remember that washing your hands is your first priority. For those of us who cannot work from home, the wearing of a face covering is now advised when moving around busy indoor workplaces and in communal work areas. If you are planning to travel around your county, consider first whether it is absolutely necessary to travel.

"Your individual actions are vital to our national effort to suppress the transmission of this disease."

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

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Today's cases, 14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population and new cases in last 14 days (as of midnight 1 December 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)

County	Today's Cases (to midnight 1/12/20)	14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 1/12/20)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 1/12/20)
Ireland	**270**	**84.7**	**4,033**
Donegal	38	212.3	338
Louth	12	175.4	226
Kilkenny	9	145.1	144
Limerick	24	134.4	262
Wicklow	28	108.8	155
Monaghan	<5	105.9	65
Dublin	58	98.9	1,333
Mayo	25	96.5	126
Carlow	8	93.1	53
Longford	<5	90.5	37
Tipperary	7	80.9	129
Waterford	<5	74.9	87
Meath	6	66.7	130
Cork	7	59.7	324
Roscommon	6	58.9	38
Kildare	9	57.1	127
Laois	<5	55.5	47
Cavan	<5	53.8	41
Sligo	<5	51.9	34
Clare	<5	47.1	56

Offaly	<5	44.9	35
Galway	5	44.6	115
Kerry	<5	39.3	58
Wexford	<5	29.4	44
Westmeath	<5	27	24
Leitrim	<5	15.6	5

Note:

Ireland's current 7-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population is 40.2.

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	72,796
Total number hospitalised	5,240
Total number admitted to ICU	624
Total number of deaths	1,814
Total number of healthcare workers	12,068
Number clusters notified	9,538
Cases associated with clusters	40,147
Median age	39

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 30 November.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	34,298
Female	38,461
Unknown	37
Total	72,796

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 30 November.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	1,887
5 - 14	4,619
15 - 24	12,753
25 - 34	12,225
35 - 44	11,431

45 - 54	11,007
55 - 64	7,779
65 - 74	4,182
75 - 84	3,677
85+	3,208
Unknown	28

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 30 November.

How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	30.3
Close contact with confirmed case	67.3
Travel abroad	1.4
Unknown	1.1

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Note:

When a person tests positive for COVID-19 but 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
0 - 4	56
5 - 14	50
15 - 24	170
25 - 34	324
35 - 44	419
45 - 54	662
55 - 64	750
65 - 74	937
75 - 84	1,162
85+	708
Unknown	2

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 30 November.

Cases by county

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	644	+7
Cavan	2,192	+5
Clare	1,508	+6
Cork	6,400	+7
Donegal	2,978	+16
Dublin	27,162	+74
Galway	2,681	+16
Kerry	1,341	+6
Kildare	4,102	+7
Kilkenny	1,045	+20
Laois	983	+2
Leitrim	265	+1
Limerick	2,806	+20
Longford	657	+2
Louth	2,153	+19
Mayo	1,453	+9
Meath	3,416	+5
Monaghan	1,253	+4
Offaly	1,167	+1
Roscommon	945	+3
Sligo	745	+1
Tipperary	1,535	+19
Waterford	1,044	+4
Westmeath	1,551	+1
Wexford	1,208	+9
Wicklow	1,562	+3

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 30 November.