

# Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Sunday 3 January

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 7 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,259 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Saturday 2 January, the HPSC has been notified of 4,962 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There is now a total of 101,887\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(\*Validation of data at the HPSC led to the denotification of 1 case. The figure of 101,887 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 2,408 are men and 2,539 are women
- 63% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 36 years old
- 1,260 cases are in Dublin, 652 in Limerick, 350 in Cork, 321 in Louth, 238 in Meath and 2,141 spread across all remaining counties

As of 2pm today, 685 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 62 are in ICU. There have been 96 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"This is a critical time. We are seeing a really significant surge in infection, which is leading to a very rapid increase in both hospitalisations and admissions to critical care units. This is not only unsustainable for the healthcare system, but also a deeply concerning level of preventable sickness and suffering that we must work together to address as quickly as possible.

"The number of people in hospital with COVID-19 has more than doubled from this day last week, and so has the number of people in ICU. Remember that behind each hospital statistic and ICU figure is a real person like you, with a family who cares about them, and a team of healthcare workers dedicated to protecting their lives. We must be as dedicated as we all were in the spring in our commitment to following the public health advice.

"Act as though you are infectious. Stay at home. Work from home starting from tomorrow, and if you are an employer, ask your employees to work at home. What we all do at a collective level today will have a direct impact on the level of infection and hospitalisations in the weeks to come.

"Your safe actions now will protect our hospitals and those who work so hard in them. Simply put: when you stay at home, you protect the frontline healthcare workers who have worked tirelessly to keep us all safe throughout this pandemic. Hold firm and remember them."

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 2 January 2021) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Today's Cases (to midnight 2/1/21)</b>	<b>14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 2/1/21)</b>	<b>New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 2/1/21)</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>4,962</b>	<b>469.8</b>	<b>22,370</b>
Monaghan	178	1,060.5	651
Louth	321	941.2	1,213
Limerick	652	895.3	1,745
Donegal	194	826.7	1,316
Sligo	91	648.5	425
Cavan	109	593.4	452
Mayo	102	577.0	753
Kilkenny	84	488.8	485
Wexford	140	486.9	729
Meath	238	470.2	917
Kerry	131	453.6	670
Dublin	1,260	443.8	5,979
Clare	169	437.6	520
Cork	350	407.5	2,212
Laois	40	406.2	344
Longford	55	389.0	159

Carlow	53	386.4	220
Galway	160	377.8	975
Offaly	84	377.1	294
Roscommon	32	376.5	243
Waterford	118	336.6	391
Westmeath	74	318.8	283
Leitrim	26	309.0	99
Kildare	114	277.3	617
Tipperary	130	250.7	400
Wicklow	57	195.2	278

- the 7-day incidence is 331 per 100,000 of population
- the 5-day moving average is 2,691

## Reporting over latest 14-day period (20/12/2020-02/01/2021)

Date reported	Reported confirmed cases	Tests processed	Positive tests detected	Positivity rate
20/12/2020	-	12,804	757	5.9%
21/12/2020	726	13,216	698	5.3%
22/12/2020	968	20,660	1,077	5.2%
23/12/2020	939	22,884	1,269	5.5%
24/12/2020	922	21,416	1,643	7.7%
25/12/2020	1,019	11,999	1,207	10.1%
26/12/2020	1,293	3,536	343	9.7%
27/12/2020	744	9,405	1,178	12.5%
28/12/2020	764	13,805	2,007	14.5%
29/12/2020	1,546	17,484	2,867	16.4%
30/12/2020	1,720	26,312	4,371	16.6%
31/12/2020	1,620	27,049	5,586	20.7%
01/01/2021	1,754	20,586	4,502	21.9%
02/01/2021	3,394	*	*	*
03/01/2021	4,962	-	-	-

\*Lab results will be updated on Monday.

Detailed guidance for older people and vulnerable groups is available [here](#).

## Hospital statistics

Total number of cases 96,925

Total number hospitalised	6,144
Total number admitted to ICU	678
Total number of deaths	1,998
Total number of healthcare workers	13,390
Number clusters notified	10,760
Cases associated with clusters	45,071
Median age	38

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Friday 1 January.

## Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	46,111
Female	50,721
Unknown	93
Total	96,925

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## Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	2,676
5 - 14	6,526
15 - 24	17,443
25 - 34	16,791
35 - 44	15,162
45 - 54	14,371
55 - 64	10,395
65 - 74	5,430
75 - 84	4,400
85+	3,700
Unknown	31

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Friday 1 January.

## How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	34.3
Close contact with confirmed case	58.5

Travel abroad	1.2
Unknown	6

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Friday 1 January.

#### **Note:**

When a person tests positive for COVID-19 but hasn't been abroad or had a known 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	61
5 - 14	63
15 - 24	235
25 - 34	406
35 - 44	484
45 - 54	760
55 - 64	870
65 - 74	1,097
75 - 84	1,338
85+	828
Unknown	2

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## **Cases by county**

### **County Number of cases Change since the day before**

Carlow	948	+41
Cavan	2,688	+92
Clare	1,897	+65
Cork	8,594	+389
Donegal	4,663	+338
Dublin	34,057	+355
Galway	3,674	+116
Kerry	2,046	+98
Kildare	4,837	+47
Kilkenny	1,698	+87

Laois	1,459	+104
Leitrim	350	+29
Limerick	4,288	+209
Longford	829	+39
Louth	3,426	+259
Mayo	2,294	+233
Meath	4,332	+178
Monaghan	1,846	+130
Offaly	1,451	+86
Roscommon	1,199	+68
Sligo	1,148	+50
Tipperary	1,951	+59
Waterford	1,456	+67
Westmeath	1,785	+33
Wexford	2,057	+103
Wicklow	1,952	+18

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