

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Monday 21 September

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There have been no new deaths reported to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre today.

There has been a total of 1,792 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Sunday 20 September, the HPSC has been notified of 188 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 33,121 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

Of the cases notified today:

- 96 are men and 90 are women
- 71% are under 45 years of age
- 36% are confirmed to be associated with outbreaks or are close contacts of a confirmed case
- 19 cases have been identified as community transmission
- 76 cases are in Dublin, 25 in Cork, 21 in Donegal, 16 in Kildare, 13 in Galway, 7 in Roscommon and 7 in Waterford, with the remaining 23 cases spread across 12 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.

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

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

"The spirit of the response to COVID-19 since the outset of this pandemic has been solidarity and cooperation. While this pandemic is a uniquely challenging time for everyone, we can and will support one another in getting through this.

"Encourage your family and friends to heed the public health advice. Now more than ever, we need to work collectively. Our individual actions count on a population level.

"Every one of us doing our bit in our daily lives - halving our social contacts, working from home, keeping our distance, wearing a face covering, washing our hands - matters a great deal. These small, positive steps taken together amount to our best and strongest defence against the virus."

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Notes

Research [conducted on behalf of the Department of Health](#) shows that the level of worry now stands at 6.5/10.

The nationally representative sample of 1,650 people conducted on behalf of the Department of Health today, 21 September, reveals:

- the level of worry at 6.5/10, is similar to the level of worry expressed in April, with the main sources of worry being health system overload, the health of family and friends, and the economy
- 47% think the worst of the pandemic is ahead of us, the highest level reported since April
- 52% think there should be more restrictions, similar to the levels reported in March

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	32,933
Total number hospitalised	3,524
Total number admitted to ICU	460
Total number of deaths	1,535
Total number of healthcare workers	9,011
Number clusters notified	3,499
Cases associated with clusters	18,128
Median age	45

*All statistics measured at midnight on Saturday 19 September.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases	% of total
Female	18,245	55.4
Male	14,656	44.5
Unknown	32	0.1
Total	32,933	

*All statistics measured at midnight on Saturday 19 September.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases	Change since the day before
0 - 4	456	+14
5 - 14	933	+24
15 - 24	3,504	+93
25 - 34	5,763	+76
35 - 44	5,671	+71
45 - 54	5,591	+55
55 - 64	3,896	+21
65 - 74	2,179	+27
75 - 84	2,459	+7
85+	2,457	+8
Unknown	24	No change

*All statistics measured at midnight on Saturday 19 September.

How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	29.2
Close contact with confirmed case	66.8
Travel abroad	2.4
Unknown	1.6

*All statistics measured at midnight on Saturday 19 September.

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	31	+1
5 - 14	19	No change
15 - 24	89	-1

25 - 34	212	No change
35 - 44	282	+1
45 - 54	474	No change
55 - 64	518	-1
65 - 74	629	+2
75 - 84	775	+3
85+	494	+5
Unknown	1	No change

*All statistics measured at midnight on Saturday 19 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	% of total	Change since the day before
Carlow	275	0.8	+1
Cavan	918	2.8	+2
Clare	529	1.6	+6
Cork	1,783	5.4	+36
Donegal	680	2.1	+19
Dublin	15,646	47.5	+241
Galway	607	1.8	+12
Kerry	368	1.1	+1
Kildare	2,452	7.5	+11
Kilkenny	438	1.3	+1
Laois	433	1.3	+4
Leitrim	113	0.3	+2
Limerick	904	2.7	+4
Longford	323	1	No change
Louth	971	3	+7
Mayo	626	1.9	No change
Meath	982	3	+11
Monaghan	602	1.8	+9
Offaly	694	2.1	+6
Roscommon	386	1.2	+1
Sligo	168	0.5	+3
Tipperary	759	2.3	+2
Waterford	314	1	+6
Westmeath	741	2.3	+4

Wexford	361	1.1	+2
Wicklow	860	2.6	+5

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