

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Tuesday 15 December

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 8 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,134 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Monday 14 December, the HPSC has been notified of 329 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 76,776 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

Of the cases notified today:

- 162 are men and 166 are women
- 64% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 37 years old
- 86 in Dublin, 41 in Louth, 34 in Donegal, 25 in Limerick, 17 in Kildare and the remaining 126 cases are spread across another 20 counties

As of 2pm today, 196 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 31 are in ICU. There have been 13 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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 14 December 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)

County	Today's Cases (to 14-Day incidence rate per midnight 14/12/20)	100,000 population (14 days to midnight 14/12/20)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 14/12/20)
Ireland	329	84.7	4,032
Donegal	34	236.8	377
Louth	41	192.4	248
Kilkenny	12	191.5	190
Carlow	7	165.1	94
Longford	<5	132.1	54
Limerick	25	128.8	251
Monaghan	11	128.7	79
Cavan	12	119.5	91
Mayo	9	108	141
Laois	5	100.4	85
Wicklow	<5	97.6	139
Dublin	86	92.7	1,249
Waterford	5	78.3	91
Offaly	6	70.5	55
Tipperary	<5	70.2	112
Kildare	17	64.3	143
Meath	10	62.5	122
Sligo	<5	48.8	32
Wexford	12	48.8	73
Galway	<5	48.4	125
Roscommon	<5	43.4	28
Westmeath	8	36	32
Kerry	8	32.5	48
Cork	7	25.2	137
Leitrim	0	25	8
Clare	<5	23.6	28

Note:

The 5 day moving average of cases is 316.

The 7 day incidence rate is 44.4 per 100,000 of population.

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	76,447
Total number hospitalised	5,451
Total number admitted to ICU	647

Total number of deaths	1,874
Total number of healthcare workers	12,557
Number clusters notified	10,180
Cases associated with clusters	42,474
Median age	39

*All statistics measured at midnight on Sunday 13 December.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	36,044
Female	40,367
Unknown	36
Total	76,447

*All statistics measured at midnight on Sunday 13 December.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	2,041
5 - 14	5,098
15 - 24	13,287
25 - 34	12,833
35 - 44	11,991
45 - 54	11,531
55 - 64	8,121
65 - 74	4,369
75 - 84	3,823
85+	3,335
Unknown	28

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How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	30
Close contact with confirmed case	67.7
Travel abroad	1.4
Unknown	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	58
5 - 14	52
15 - 24	182
25 - 34	342
35 - 44	427
45 - 54	681
55 - 64	780
65 - 74	989
75 - 84	1,202
85+	736
Unknown	2

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Cases by county

County Number of cases Change since the day before

Carlow	729	+9
Cavan	2,268	+4
Clare	1,529	No change
Cork	6,529	+10
Donegal	3,320	+24
Dublin	28,319	+76
Galway	2,804	+4
Kerry	1,379	+19
Kildare	4,227	+16
Kilkenny	1,223	+10
Laois	1,073	+8
Leitrim	273	No change
Limerick	3,021	+18

Longford	709	+1
Louth	2,359	+9
Mayo	1,586	+12
Meath	3,517	+6
Monaghan	1,320	No change
Offaly	1,216	+1
Roscommon	974	No change
Sligo	776	+1
Tipperary	1,644	+5
Waterford	1,129	+8
Westmeath	1,564	No change
Wexford	1,267	+14
Wicklow	1,692	+7

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