

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 6 January

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 17 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,299 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 5 January, the HPSC has been notified of 7,836 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 121,154* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 4 confirmed cases. The figure of 121,154 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 3,740 are men and 4,078 are women
- 63% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 36 years old
- 2,263 in Dublin, 1,373 in Cork, 496 in Louth, 345 in Limerick, 340 in Meath and the remaining 3,019 cases are spread across all other counties

As of 2pm today, 954 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 88 are in ICU. There have been 105 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"The country is in a serious phase of this surge of COVID-19. There is evidence of an increasing presence of the UK variant in Ireland. All counties have an upward trajectory of the disease. There is concerning escalation of admissions to hospital and ICU. We are very likely to see escalating mortality and ICU admissions in the coming days and weeks.

"It has never been more important, throughout our experience of this pandemic, to stay home and only meet people outside of your household for essential purposes, always adhering to public health advice; physical distance, hand hygiene, cough/sneeze etiquette, wearing a face covering."

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

County	Today's Cases (to midnight 5/1/21)	14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 5/1/21)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 5/1/21)
Ireland	7,836	819.1	39,005
Monaghan	275	1,638.8	1,006
Louth	496	1,528.5	1,970
Limerick	345	1,252.4	2,441
Donegal	231	1,052.8	1,676
Cavan	160	1,013.4	772
Dublin	2,263	955.2	12,870
Sligo	93	866.7	568
Cork	1,373	815.9	4,429
Mayo	121	808.4	1,055
Meath	340	759.8	1,482
Kerry	235	721.7	1,066
Wexford	244	687.9	1,030
Clare	147	681.7	810
Carlow	86	665.7	379
Longford	78	650.8	266
Kildare	276	640.4	1,425
Kilkenny	85	633.9	629
Waterford	186	631.8	734
Offaly	135	628.5	490
Laois	107	606.9	514
Galway	178	509.6	1,315
Westmeath	123	503.5	447
Roscommon	25	480.3	310
Leitrim	24	477.5	153
Tipperary	113	391.7	625

Wicklow 97

381.3

543

- the 7-day incidence is 650.9 per 100,000 of population
- the 5-day moving average is 5,524

Reporting over latest 14-day period (23/12/2020-06/01/2021)

Date reported	Reported confirmed cases	Tests processed	Positive tests detected	Positivity rate
23/12/2020	-	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	27,389	5,621	20.5%
01/01/2021	1,754	20,846	4,553	21.8%
02/01/2021	3,394	28,545	6,486	22.7%
03/01/2021	4,692	20,571	5,199	25.3%
04/01/2021	6,110	19,869	4,427	22.3%
05/01/2021	5,325	28,368	6862	24.2%
06/01/2021	7,836	-	-	-

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

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	113,318
Total number hospitalised	6,451
Total number admitted to ICU	703
Total number of deaths	2,036
Total number of healthcare workers	13,443
Number clusters notified	10,814
Cases associated with clusters	45,343
Median age	38

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 4 January.

Gender of patients

Gender Number of cases

Male	53,985
Female	59,229
Unknown	104
Total	113,318

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Age range affected**Age range Number of cases**

0 - 4	3,044
5 - 14	7,476
15 - 24	20,631
25 - 34	20,122
35 - 44	17,686
45 - 54	16,762
55 - 64	12,489
65 - 74	6,334
75 - 84	4,836
85+	3,905
Unknown	33

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How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	40.3
Close contact with confirmed case	50.3
Travel abroad	1
Unknown	8.3

*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 4 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	65
5 - 14	67
15 - 24	253
25 - 34	433
35 - 44	516
45 - 54	794
55 - 64	900
65 - 74	1,143
75 - 84	1,411
85+	867
Unknown	2

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Cases by county

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	1,090	+38
Cavan	2,983	+122
Clare	2,232	+97
Cork	10,002	+767
Donegal	5,147	+238
Dublin	40,905	+1,932
Galway	4,088	+138
Kerry	2,424	+121
Kildare	5,598	+323
Kilkenny	1,933	+66
Laois	1,587	+11
Leitrim	409	+12
Limerick	5,455	+317
Longford	919	+5
Louth	4,122	+238
Mayo	2,607	+100
Meath	4,897	+196
Monaghan	2,192	+117
Offaly	1,607	+11
Roscommon	1,286	+30
Sligo	1,310	+50

Tipperary	2,212	+66
Waterford	1,784	+103
Westmeath	1,914	+12
Wexford	2,398	+125
Wicklow	2,217	+86

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