Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Monday 22 February

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Today's cases

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 1 additional death related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 4,137 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Sunday 21 February, the HPSC has been notified of 686 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 215,743 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

Of the cases notified today:

- 325 are men and 354 are women
- 66% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 34 years old
- 278 in Dublin, 49 in Limerick, 37 in Kildare, 32 in Louth, 31 in Donegal and the remaining 259 cases are spread across all remaining counties

As of 8am today, 726 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 156 are in ICU. There have been 33 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

Numbers of people vaccinated

As of last Friday (19 February), there have been 340,704 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Ireland:

- 214,384 people have received their first dose
- 126,320 people have received their second dose

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

"We continue to see really high levels of compliance amongst the population and this is having a positive impact on the levels of disease in our communities. It is also having a positive impact on our hospitals – while last week there were 269 cases in healthcare workers and 4 outbreaks in our hospitals these represent a very significant reduction compared with the 839 cases and 15 outbreaks in the week to the 7th of February.

"In time, vaccination will be our most powerful tool against COVID-19 and over the coming weeks those who are highest risk in our families and communities will get vaccinated. For now, each of us has a range of tried and trusted tools at our disposal - by keeping our distance, washing our hands, wearing face masks and staying at home we will continue to drive down transmission of this disease. Our collective efforts move us closer to the continued reopening of our schools and the resumption of non-COVID healthcare services."

The <u>COVID-19 Dashboard</u> provides up-to-date information on the key indicators of COVID-19 in the community, including daily data on Ireland's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme.

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County-by-county cases and incidence rates

- the 7 day incidence is 113.5
- the 5-day moving average is 803

County	Today's cases (to midnight 21/2/21)	5 day moving average	14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population	New cases during last 14 days
Ireland	686	803	240	11,429
Offaly	18	24	437.4	341
Dublin	278	315	335.5	4,520
Galway	21	53	328.6	848
Monaghan	10	12	325.8	200
Laois	10	17	294	249
Louth	32	25	286.3	369
Waterford	15	23	271.1	315
Kildare	37	48	271	603
Limerick	49	45	266.3	519
Mayo	19	27	258.2	337
Longford	<5	9	256.9	105
Cavan	13	12	241.5	184
Meath	23	28	241	470
Westmeath	11	15	234.3	208
Carlow	8	7	216	123
Tipperary	12	26	179.9	287
Wexford	11	11	171	256
Donegal	31	24	164.6	262

Leitrim	<5	4	162.3	52
Clare	16	14	148.1	176
Wicklow	17	13	122.2	174
Sligo	8	5	109.9	72
Roscommor	n 7	5	106.9	69
Kilkenny	10	9	103.8	103
Cork	19	26	94.5	513
Kerry	<5	4	50.1	74