Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Tuesday 2 March

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Today's cases

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 14 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

3 deaths occurred in March, 10 in February and 1 in November.

There has been a total of 4,333 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Monday 1 March, the HPSC has been notified of 359 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 220,630* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 2 confirmed cases. The figure of 220,630 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 157 are men and 193 are female
- 66% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 34 years old
- 159 in Dublin, 25 in Westmeath, 21 in Louth, 21 in Galway, 19 in Meath and the remaining 114 cases are spread across 19 other counties

As of 8am today, 498 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 116 are in ICU. There have been 28 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

Numbers of people vaccinated

As of last Saturday (27 February), there have been 435,895 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Ireland:

- 294,550 people have received their first dose
- 141,345 people have received their second dose

The <u>COVID-19 data hub</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.

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

"While the low number of cases reported today may be attributable to a weekend effect, it is nevertheless very welcome and represents the lowest number of cases reported on a single day since mid-December.

"While we continue to make good progress in Ireland, globally in the past week, the number of cases of COVID-19 has increased for the first time in 7 weeks. We must not allow this virus the opportunity to do the same here. Please hold firm to the public health advice and together we can continue to protect and build on the progress we have made over the last 2 months."

County-by-county cases and incidence rates

- the 7 day incidence is 91.4
- the 5-day moving average is 633

County	Today's cases (to midnight 1/3/21)	5 day moving average	g 14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population	New cases during last 14 days
Ireland	359	633	201.2	9,580
Offaly	<5	22	401.5	313
Longford	10	14	396.3	162
Westmeath	25	17	274.9	244
Limerick	11	34	273.5	533
Dublin	159	255	271.1	3,653
Louth	21	26	265.4	342
Laois	<5	12	247.9	210
Galway	21	39	236.8	611
Kildare	13	26	229.2	510
Meath	19	30	224.1	437
Mayo	7	17	220.7	288
Monaghan	5	6	206.9	127
Tipperary	<5	18	191.8	306
Donegal	<5	24	191	304
Carlow	<5	8	180.9	103
Waterford	7	7	179.9	209
Cavan	5	6	157.5	120
Clare	6	10	140.6	167

Leitrim	0	1	124.8	40
Roscommor	n <5	7	114.7	74
Wicklow	9	9	98.3	140
Wexford	6	8	79.5	119
Sligo	<5	3	77.8	51
Kilkenny	0	3	77.6	77
Cork	15	24	66.3	360
Kerry	<5	8	54.2	80