

# Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 21 October

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 3 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has now been a total of 1,868 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 20 October, the HPSC has been notified of 1,167 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 53,422\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(\*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 1 confirmed case. The figure of 53,422 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 538 are men / 627 are women
- 64% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 33 years old
- 263 in Dublin, 142 in Meath, 137 in Cork, 86 in Cavan and the remaining 539 cases are spread across all remaining counties

As of 2pm today, 314 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 34 are in ICU. There have been 27 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"The behaviour of every individual is the most effective defence we have against the spread of COVID-19.

"Everyone needs to stay at home, other than for essential reasons. Follow the public health advice and treat everyone that you come into contact with as though they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19 – keep your distance, avoid meeting others.

"We are facing a big challenge, but we have faced this challenge before, and that means we know how to suppress this virus, by following the public health advice in everything we do."

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 20 October 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)**

<b>County</b>	<b>Today's Cases (to midnight 20/10/20)</b>	<b>14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 20/10/20)</b>	<b>New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 20/10/20)</b>
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>291.0</b>	<b>13,858</b>
Cavan	86	1,013.4	772
Meath	142	652.7	1,273
Monaghan	11	389.3	239
Westmeath	38	370.6	329
Sligo	18	366.2	240
Cork	137	335.6	1,822
Galway	71	327.8	846
Donegal	48	320.4	510
Clare	5	308.9	367
Wexford	25	297.9	446
Kildare	69	294.8	656
Longford	6	291.1	119
Limerick	36	285.8	557
Kerry	29	264	390
Leitrim	5	262.1	84
Louth	56	260.7	336
Dublin	263	242.6	3,269
Roscommon	16	232.4	150
Offaly	14	227	177
Laois	19	212.5	180
Mayo	36	207.7	271
Carlow	<5	203.8	116
Kilkenny	9	165.3	164
Waterford	7	160.1	186
Wicklow	10	121.5	173
Tipperary	7	116.6	186

## Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	52,255
Total number hospitalised	4,055
Total number admitted to ICU	519
Total number of deaths	1,612
Total number of healthcare workers	10,012
Number clusters notified	5,765
Cases associated with clusters	26,103
Median age	40

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 19 October.

## Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Female	27,896	+656
Male	24,311	+611
Unknown	48	+1
Total	52,255	+1,268

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 19 October.

## Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases	Change since the day before
0 - 4	1,013	+51
5 - 14	2,404	+110
15 - 24	8,667	+318
25 - 34	9,068	+158
35 - 44	8,370	+158
45 - 54	8,134	+175
55 - 64	5,841	+172
65 - 74	3,085	+65
75 - 84	2,929	+39
85+	2,715	+21
Unknown	29	+1

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 19 October.

## How COVID-19 is spreading

<b>Transmission classification</b>	<b>%</b>
Community transmission	27.8
Close contact with confirmed case	62.4
Travel abroad	1.7
Unknown	8

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 19 October.

**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

<b>Age range</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Change since the day before</b>
0 - 4	42	+1
5 - 14	36	+2
15 - 24	123	+2
25 - 34	261	+4
35 - 44	327	+3
45 - 54	528	+3
55 - 64	605	+6
65 - 74	714	+3
75 - 84	873	+8
85+	543	+1
Unknown	3	+1

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Monday 19 October.

## 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.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Change since the day before</b>
Carlow	414	+18
Cavan	1,714	+80
Clare	1,089	+26
Cork	4,192	+116

Donegal	1,709	+21
Dublin	21,269	+203
Galway	1,676	+74
Kerry	827	+27
Kildare	3,310	+61
Kilkenny	650	+13
Laois	679	+14
Leitrim	203	+4
Limerick	1,637	+73
Longford	501	+14
Louth	1,386	+69
Mayo	916	+28
Meath	2,322	+221
Monaghan	992	+38
Offaly	942	+18
Roscommon	647	+3
Sligo	451	+27
Tipperary	1,027	+11
Waterford	541	+22
Westmeath	1,114	+24
Wexford	890	+51
Wicklow	1,157	+12

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