

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Thursday 19 November

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 4 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,010 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Wednesday 18 November, the HPSC has been notified of 429 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 69,473* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 14 confirmed cases. The figure of 69,473 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 194 are men and 234 are women
- 69% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 34 years old
- 173 in Dublin, 44 in Cork, 26 in Donegal, 22 in Louth, 21 in Kildare and the remaining 143 cases are spread across 20 other counties

As of 2pm today, 290 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 33 are in ICU. There have been 15 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"In our objective to use a six-week period to drive down COVID-19 infection in the community, our progress has stalled in the last week.

"We now have two weeks to get back on track. Drive down the disease by limiting the number of daily contacts you have. Work from home, stay at home and follow public health advice to get us to a reproduction number below 0.5 by December 1st."

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

"Deaths associated with COVID-19 have increased by 18% in the European region over the past fortnight. Last week alone, Europe registered over 29,000 new deaths. That is one person dying every 17 seconds. We have made significant progress in Ireland over recent weeks, but the disease and its risks have not changed. Please continue in your efforts to follow public health advice, limit the transmission of COVID-19 in Ireland and protect those who are most vulnerable in our families and across our communities."

Professor Philip Nolan, Chair of the NPHE Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group, said:

"For 3 weeks we saw case numbers declining at a rate of 5 - 7% per day and a reproduction number as low as 0.6. We are aware that case numbers have now stopped declining and as a consequence the reproduction number has increased to an estimated 0.7 - 0.9."

"The data strongly suggests that a small, recent increase in the level of social contacts has led to the increase in reproduction number we see now. A small additional effort to reduce our contacts will make a big difference to reduce disease incidence before December 1st."

Dr. Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, HSE:

"This pandemic has placed huge demands on our healthcare workers in addition to the standard care of patients. Their work now involves additional infection prevention and control measures which require constant vigilance and awareness. The best way we all can show our appreciation for their work is by doing your part to reduce community transmission."

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 18 November 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)

County	Today's Cases (to 14-Day incidence rate per midnight 18/11/20)	100,000 population (14 days to midnight 18/11/20)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 18/11/20)
Ireland	429	116.5	5,548
Donegal	26	264.5	421
Limerick	14	221.7	432
Louth	22	175.4	226

Roscommon	6	167.3	108
Waterford	7	154.9	180
Offaly	6	150.1	117
Westmeath	<5	137.4	122
Meath	20	127.2	248
Dublin	173	124.6	1,679
Monaghan	9	118.9	73
Kilkenny	9	114.9	114
Tipperary	12	105.9	169
Mayo	8	104.2	136
Clare	5	103.5	123
Longford	0	100.3	41
Leitrim	<5	96.7	31
Laois	<5	95.6	81
Cavan	5	93.2	71
Carlow	9	91.3	52
Kerry	<5	86.7	128
Kildare	21	84.5	188
Cork	44	80.9	439
Sligo	<5	74.8	49
Galway	<5	70.9	183
Wicklow	7	56.9	81
Wexford	8	37.4	56

Note:

The lowest national 14-day incidence rate was on 3 July 2020 when the rate was 2.98 cases per 100,000 population.

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	69,044
Total number hospitalised	4,954
Total number admitted to ICU	600
Total number of deaths	1,750
Total number of healthcare workers	11,519
Number clusters notified	8,530
Cases associated with clusters	36,581
Median age	39

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 17 November.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	32,449
Female	36,572
Unknown	23
Total	69,044

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 17 November.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	1,735
5 - 14	4,189
15 - 24	11,989
25 - 34	11,666
35 - 44	10,828
45 - 54	10,509
55 - 64	7,476
65 - 74	4,001
75 - 84	3,511
85+	3,108
Unknown	32

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How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	31.4
Close contact with confirmed case	65.8
Travel abroad	1.4
Unknown	1.4

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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	53
5 - 14	49
15 - 24	156
25 - 34	307
35 - 44	396
45 - 54	629
55 - 64	720
65 - 74	890
75 - 84	1,090
85+	662
Unknown	2

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 17 November.

Cases by county

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	601	+2
Cavan	2,150	+9
Clare	1,453	+8
Cork	6,087	+27
Donegal	2,678	+36
Dublin	25,894	+102
Galway	2,570	+19
Kerry	1,288	+10
Kildare	3,980	+14
Kilkenny	909	+11
Laois	937	+1
Leitrim	262	+2
Limerick	2,566	+21
Longford	622	+1
Louth	1,940	+21
Mayo	1,352	+10
Meath	3,290	+31
Monaghan	1,193	+3
Offaly	1,136	+4

Roscommon	912	+8
Sligo	714	+5
Tipperary	1,415	+6
Waterford	963	+6
Westmeath	1,530	+4
Wexford	1,168	+2
Wicklow	1,434	+2

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