

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Saturday 19 December

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 5 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,154 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Friday 18 December, the HPSC has been notified of 527 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 78,776* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC led to the denotification of 5 cases. The figure of 78,776 cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 271 are men and 255 are women
- 65% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 37 years old
- 191 in Dublin, 54 in Cork, 44 in Donegal, 32 in Wexford, 27 in Kilkenny, and the remaining 179 cases are spread across 20 other counties

As of 2pm today, 207 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 28 are in ICU. There have been 12 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"The figures we are seeing across all key indicators of disease severity continue to give us strong reason for persistent, ongoing concern. As we head into a week with uniquely risky inter-household and inter-generational mixing, please remember to act responsibly. Start this weekend. It is never too late to cut down your contacts, cancel plans, or avoid a crowd.

"Bear in mind that you may well be the link in a chain of transmission that ends with a vulnerable loved one catching this dangerous disease. Stop that chain of transmission now – limit your movements today."

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 December 2020) (incidence rate based on Census 2016 county population)

County	Today's Cases (to midnight 18/12/20)	14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 18/12/20)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 18/12/20)
Ireland	527	102.4	4,875
Donegal	44	250.6	399
Louth	12	216.5	279
Kilkenny	27	202.6	201
Carlow	16	189.7	108
Cavan	13	164.1	125
Laois	11	152.3	129
Wexford	32	145.6	218
Longford	0	144.3	59
Limerick	17	123.7	241
Monaghan	6	122.2	75
Dublin	191	112.6	1,517
Mayo	<5	111.1	145
Meath	23	96.9	189
Waterford	13	91.2	106
Kerry	20	90.7	134
Kildare	11	77.3	172
Offaly	<5	73.1	57
Sligo	5	71.7	47
Wicklow	7	68.8	98
Tipperary	<5	62.0	99
Galway	11	49.6	128
Cork	54	46.1	250
Roscommon	<5	43.4	28
Westmeath	<5	36.0	32
Clare	<5	26.1	31
Leitrim	<5	25.0	8

The 7 day incidence rate is 63.7.

The 5 day moving average is 469.

Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	78,249
Total number hospitalised	5,570
Total number admitted to ICU	654
Total number of deaths	1,894
Total number of healthcare workers	12,771
Number clusters notified	10,339
Cases associated with clusters	43,329
Median age	39

*All statistics measured at midnight on Thursday 17 December.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	36,933
Female	41,270
Unknown	46
Total	78,249

*All statistics measured at midnight on Thursday 17 December.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	2,101
5 - 14	5,279
15 - 24	13,553
25 - 34	13,158
35 - 44	12,279
45 - 54	11,783
55 - 64	8,347
65 - 74	4,457
75 - 84	3,897
85+	3,367
Unknown	28

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How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	29.9
Close contact with confirmed case	67.6
Travel abroad	1.4
Unknown	1.1

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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	58
5 - 14	53
15 - 24	186
25 - 34	348
35 - 44	436
45 - 54	693
55 - 64	798
65 - 74	1,008
75 - 84	1,236
85+	752
Unknown	2

*All statistics measured at midnight on Thursday 17 December.

Cases by county

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	755	+13
Cavan	2,318	+6
Clare	1,537	+4
Cork	6,631	+34
Donegal	3,448	+13

Dublin	28,868	+192
Galway	2,832	+7
Kerry	1,459	+32
Kildare	4,294	+27
Kilkenny	1,262	+8
Laois	1,125	+10
Leitrim	275	No change
Limerick	3,114	+31
Longford	723	+2
Louth	2,485	+47
Mayo	1,632	+5
Meath	3,598	+42
Monaghan	1,358	+9
Offaly	1,240	+1
Roscommon	987	+1
Sligo	795	+11
Tipperary	1,667	+4
Waterford	1,154	+11
Westmeath	1,577	+3
Wexford	1,400	+58
Wicklow	1,715	+6

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