## Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 3 February

From Department of Health

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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 94 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

47 of these deaths occurred in February, 44 occurred in January, 2 in December and 1 in November.

The median age of those who died is 82 years and the age range is 36-100 years.

There has been a total of 3,512 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 2 February, the HPSC has been notified of 1,013 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 199,430\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(\*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 7 confirmed cases. The figure of 199,430 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 465 are men and 543 are women
- 56% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 41 years old
- 337 in Dublin, 96 in Galway, 65 in Cork, 60 in Kildare, 48 in Louth and the remaining 407 cases are spread across all other counties

As of 2pm today, 1,334 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 203 are in ICU. There have been 66 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"At the outset of this pandemic, as a global community we knew much less about COVID-19 than we do now. We did not know then that today we would have a portfolio of approved vaccines to mitigate the worst effects of COVID-19, adding to our toolkit of public health measures such as social distancing, reducing contacts, mask-wearing, cough/sneeze hygiene and washing our hands.

"Now more than ever, as we are continuing to see the tragic effects of the recent surge of COVID-19 infection in the form of mortality, hospitalisation and ICU admission, we should remember the public health advice that has carried us so far in this pandemic, and helped us to suppress COVID-19 together successfully in the past.

"It is the collective hard work and ongoing sacrifice of people across Ireland in following these public health measures that will keep us all safe at this time, as we look ahead to the increased rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine on the horizon. Keep it up, and encourage others to do the same. In short: the present is the time to protect yourself and stay safe, in order to receive your vaccine in the future."

The <u>COVID-19 Dashboard</u> provides up-to-date information on the key indicators of COVID-19 in the community.

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## County-by-county cases and incidence rates

County	Today's cases (to midnight 2/2/21)	5 day moving average	14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population	New cases during last 14 days
Ireland	1,013	1,121	424.1	20,197
Monaghan	20	24	894.3	549
Louth	48	41	647.9	835
Waterford	44	43	642.1	746
Carlow	15	18	586.7	334
Wexford	43	49	555.7	832
Dublin	337	419	524.4	7,065
Offaly	25	17	463.1	361
Mayo	20	30	456.7	596
Meath	46	41	436.3	851
Donegal	27	32	395.7	630
Galway	96	72	389.8	1,006
Limerick	15	38	379.7	740
Kildare	60	45	366.3	815
Longford	8	6	359.7	147
Cavan	11	13	354.4	270
Cork	65	93	338.8	1,839
Sligo	17	14	328.1	215
Tipperary	16	27	310.9	496
Laois	6	16	308.2	261
Wicklow	30	22	307.5	438
Westmeath	19	12	276	245
Clare	10	12	235.7	280

Kilkenny	12	10	200.5	199
Leitrim	<5	4	190.4	61
Kerry	18	15	188.2	278
Roscommon <5		6	167.3	108

- the 7-day incidence is 174.7the 5-day moving average is 1,121