

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - Wednesday 5 May

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Today's cases

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 7 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

Of the deaths notified today:

- 5 occurred in April
- 1 occurred in February
- 1 occurred in January

The median age of those who died was 82 years and the age range was 67-92 years.

There has been a total of 4,915 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Tuesday 4 May, the HPSC has been notified of 418 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 251,087* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 3 confirmed case. The figure of 251,087 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 199 are men and 214 are women
- 73% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 30 years old
- 167 in Dublin, 39 in Cork, 32 in Donegal, 29 in Kildare, 22 in Meath and the remaining 129 cases are spread across 20 other counties

As of 8am today, 137 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 37 are in ICU. There have been 18 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

Latest update on vaccines

As of last Monday (3 May) there have been 1,621,870 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in Ireland:

- 1,174,292 people have received their first dose
- 447,578 people have received their second dose

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

"As we look forward to the greater reopening of activities and services, our key objective now is to maintain our course in coming weeks and follow the public health advice in our daily activities.

"When you are planning to meet someone, remember that outdoors is safer for everybody. And when you meet up, stay at a 2m distance, keep to a small group and avoid crowded areas – this will minimise the risk of passing the virus from person to person, driving down the incidence rate and keeping our society open.

"Throughout this pandemic we have seen outbreaks and clusters of disease as a result of social events such as funerals, wakes and birthday parties. Unfortunately we need to continue to stay vigilant to the infectious nature of this disease and avoid congregating together in large groups. We need all sectors of society to continue to encourage and support the public health messages and to help everyone to stay safe."

The [COVID-19 data hub](#) 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.

County-by-county cases

- the 7-day incidence rate is 68
- the 5-day moving average is 445

County	Today's cases (to midnight 4/5/21)	5 day moving average	14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population	New cases during last 14 days
Ireland	418	445.2	134.4	6,401
Donegal	32	28.2	307.8	490
Kildare	29	44.0	261.6	582
Westmeath	8	12.0	208.4	185
Dublin	167	168.8	188.1	2,534
Offaly	7	6.2	162.9	127
Tipperary	16	16.6	162.3	259
Meath	22	25.0	146.6	286
Cavan	<5	11.0	143.1	109
Limerick	17	14.6	127.8	249

Longford	5	3.6	127.2	52
Louth	12	13.4	121.8	157
Leitrim	<5	1.6	112.3	36
Roscommon	<5	7.0	102.3	66
Wicklow	7	8.8	96.9	138
Galway	10	13.4	89.1	230
Carlow	<5	3.4	84.3	48
Monaghan	5	2.6	83.1	51
Waterford	5	7.8	79.2	92
Cork	39	37.4	76.1	413
Mayo	<5	4.2	59.0	77
Laois	<5	2.6	53.1	45
Clare	5	3.8	42.9	51
Sligo	0	0.8	38.1	25
Kilkenny	<5	2.6	37.3	37
Wexford	9	4.0	28.7	43
Kerry	<5	1.8	12.9	19