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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 11 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 2,248 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Thursday 31 December, the HPSC has been notified of 1,754 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 93,532\* 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 93,532 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 846 are men and 900 are women
- 64% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 35 years old
- 523 in Dublin, 296 in Cork, 180 in Galway, 104 in Mayo, 94 in Kerry and the remaining 557 cases are spread across all other counties

As of 2pm today, 504 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 47 are in ICU. There have been 46 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

“The most concerning trend at present is the rapidly increasing number of people being admitted to hospital - we are now admitting between 50 – 70 people a day to our hospital system. Unfortunately, we expect this to get worse before it gets better. Our health system will not continue to cope with this level of impact.

"We have also seen a significant increase in positive laboratory tests in recent days reflecting a true increase in the incidence of the disease as well as the delay in people coming forward for testing over the Christmas period. As our systems catch up with these effects it places significant pressure on our reporting system.

"We have always understood that numbers of positive tests or confirmed cases would be a less reliable indicator over the Christmas period. This is typical of infectious disease reporting annually over the two weeks of Christmas and New Year.

"What is clear are the measures that the government has now mandated and the behaviours that we as individuals need to observe. Everyone needs to stay at home other than for essential work or care."

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

"Tests processed and reported on a given day will normally be validated and confirmed by the HPSC the following day. Positive tests detected in laboratories require validation (to remove duplicates and other tests that do not create new cases) and transfer to the HPSC database before confirmation and reporting.

"A very large volume of positive tests in recent days means there is a delay in formal reporting. In excess of 9,000 additional new cases will be reported over the coming days. The reporting delay does not affect case management or contact tracing or our overall monitoring and modelling of the pandemic."

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

<b>County</b>	<b>Today's Cases (to midnight 31/12/20)</b>	<b>14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 31/12/20)</b>	<b>New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 31/12/20)</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>321.3</b>	<b>15,302</b>
Monaghan	26	581.6	357
Donegal	44	552.2	879
Louth	46	528.4	681
Limerick	53	506.4	987
Wexford	30	370.7	555
Cavan	23	364.9	278
Dublin	523	358.9	4,836
Kilkenny	25	351.7	349

Kerry	94	331.1	489
Mayo	104	328.7	429
Sligo	10	309.8	203
Cork	296	289.9	1,574
Meath	26	284.6	555
Galway	180	281.3	726
Laois	12	271.6	230
Carlow	7	268.7	153
Clare	19	234	278
Roscommon	63	223.1	144
Kildare	56	223.1	144
Westmeath	23	209.5	186
Waterford	5	203.1	236
Longford	19	168.8	69
Offaly	25	161.6	126
Wicklow	15	154.5	220
Leitrim	10	143.6	46
Tipperary	20	138.5	221

- the 7-day incidence is 198.3
- the 5-day moving average is 1481

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## **Reporting over latest 14-day period (19/12/2020-01/01/2021)**

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<b>Date reported</b>	<b>Reported confirmed cases</b>	<b>Tests processed</b>	<b>Positive tests detected</b>	<b>Positivity rate</b>
18 December	-	13941	703	5%

19 December	527	13458	746	5.5%
20 December	760	12804	757	5.9%
21 December	726	13216	698	5.3%
22 December	968	20660	1077	5.2%
23 December	939	22884	1269	5.5%
24 December	922	21416	1643	7.7%
25 December	1019	11999	1207	10.1%
26 December	1293	3536	343	9.7%
27 December	744	9405	1178	12.5%
28 December	764	13805	2007	14.5%
29 December	1546	17484	2867	16.4%
30 December	1720	26277	4366	16.6%
31 December	1620	28666	5573	20.7%
1 January	1754	-	-	-

## Hospital statistics

Total number of cases	91,778
Total number hospitalised	6,038
Total number admitted to ICU	678
Total number of deaths	1,987
Total number of healthcare workers	13,353
Number clusters notified	10,695
Cases associated with clusters	44,940
Median age	38

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Wednesday 30 December.

## Gender of patients

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
Male	43,646
Female	48,056
Unknown	76
Total	91,778

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Wednesday 30 December.

## Age range affected

<b>Age range</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
0 - 4	2,539

5 - 14	6,248
15 - 24	16,275
25 - 34	15,812
35 - 44	14,386
45 - 54	13,650
55 - 64	9,613
65 - 74	5,149
75 - 84	4,276
85+	3,599
Unknown	31

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Wednesday 30 December.

## How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	32.9
Close contact with confirmed case	61.6
Travel abroad	1.3
Unknown	4.3

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Wednesday 30 December.

### Note:

When a person tests positive for COVID-19 but hasn't been abroad or had a known 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	61
5 - 14	63
15 - 24	223
25 - 34	392
35 - 44	473
45 - 54	747
55 - 64	857
65 - 74	1,073
75 - 84	1,326

85+ 8121  
Unknown 2

\*All statistics measured at midnight on Wednesday 30 December.

## Cases by county

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>	<b>Change since the day before</b>
Carlow	900	+29
Cavan	2,573	+40
Clare	1,796	+51
Cork	7,909	+73
Donegal	4,281	+51
Dublin	33,179	+498
Galway	3,378	+88
Kerry	1,854	+16
Kildare	4,734	+20
Kilkenny	1,586	+29
Laois	1,343	+50
Leitrim	311	+5
Limerick	4,048	+103
Longford	771	+18
Louth	3121	+55
Mayo	1,957	+67
Meath	4,128	+63
Monaghan	1,690	+34
Offaly	1,340	+28
Roscommon	1,068	+9
Sligo	988	+29
Tipperary	1,867	+32
Waterford	1,384	+37
Westmeath	1,729	+18
Wexford	1,924	+58
Wicklow	1,919	+18

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