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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 3 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

There has been a total of 1,933 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Wednesday 4 November, the HPSC has been notified of 591 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 64,046* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 28 confirmed cases. The figure of 64,046 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 280 are men and 310 are women
- 59% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 38 years old
- 120 in Dublin, 75 in Donegal, 50 in Cork, 46 in Kerry, 44 in Limerick and the remaining 256 cases are spread across 20 other counties

As of 2pm today, 302 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 38 are in ICU. There have been 20 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

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

"A second surge is taking place across Europe. Ireland and Finland are the only European countries in the EU where reductions in 14 – day incidence have been observed. All other countries are increasing.

"Level 5 efforts over the last two weeks have succeeded in further reducing community transmission and disease incidence in Ireland. However, now is not the time to be complacent. We must keep driving down this disease - we must keep going.

"The 19 to 24 year old age group has achieved a dramatic reduction in incidence, from 450 per 100,000 to 150 per 100,000 in two weeks. They have also halved their contacts in the past 5 weeks. We all need to recognise the efforts of our young people and I thank them."

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

"We estimate the reproduction number at 0.7 - 0.9. This is a testament to our collective effort to stop the spread of the virus and it is very good news. We may be doing better now but it is conditional on whether we keep it up. If we continue to use this time to drive the infection right down, we will be in a good position in four weeks' time."

Dr. Vida Hamilton, National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead, Acute Hospitals, HSE:

"While the age demographic of cases vary from the first surge back in March to this one, ICU admissions have affected people from all age groups, with the average length of stay at 17.8 days. People of all ages are potentially vulnerable to the more extreme symptoms of this disease."

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

County	Today's Cases (to midnight 4/11/20)	14-Day incidence rate per 100,000 population (14 days to midnight 4/11/20)	New Cases during last 14 days (14 days to midnight 4/11/20)
Ireland	591	202.1	9,625
Donegal	75	300.3	478
Cavan	<5	294.1	224
Meath	35	291.7	569
Sligo	12	256.4	168
Westmeath	12	253.5	225
Cork	50	235.0	1,276
Limerick	44	229.9	448
Carlow	7	217.8	124
Galway	22	211.6	546
Dublin	120	201.5	2,715
Roscommon	<5	198.3	128

Longford	7	198.2	81
Kerry	46	194.3	287
Louth	13	193.2	249
Waterford	17	188.5	219
Clare	14	182.6	217
Mayo	17	181.6	237
Monaghan	<5	177.6	109
Kildare	20	176.6	393
Laois	7	167.7	142
Kilkenny	12	134.0	133
Tipperary	13	132.2	211
Wexford	21	125.6	188
Offaly	<5	112.9	88
Wicklow	14	106.7	152
Leitrim	<5	56.2	18

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	63,455
Total number hospitalised	4,528
Total number admitted to ICU	567
Total number of deaths	1,674
Total number of healthcare workers	10,689
Number clusters notified	6,945
Cases associated with clusters	30,553
Median age	39

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 3 November.

Gender of patients

Gender	Number of cases
Male	29,748
Female	33,672
Unknown	35
Total	63,455

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 3 November.

Age range affected

Age range	Number of cases
0 - 4	1,502
5 - 14	3,628
15 - 24	11,016
25 - 34	10,745
35 - 44	9,960
45 - 54	9,687
55 - 64	6,979
65 - 74	3,691
75 - 84	3,279
85+	2,936
Unknown	32

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 3 November.

How COVID-19 is spreading

Transmission classification	%
Community transmission	32
Close contact with confirmed case	61.3
Travel abroad	1.5
Unknown	5.3

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 3 November.

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	47
5 - 14	45
15 - 24	140
25 - 34	282
35 - 44	363

45 - 54	587
55 - 64	676
65 - 74	809
75 - 84	979
85+	598
Unknown	2

*All statistics measured at midnight on Tuesday 3 November.

Cases by county

County	Number of cases	Change since the day before
Carlow	556	No change
Cavan	2,078	+3
Clare	1,320	+7
Cork	5,642	+47
Donegal	2,211	+16
Dublin	24,343	+145
Galway	2,369	+35
Kerry	1,118	+20
Kildare	3,790	+12
Kilkenny	794	+11
Laois	850	+4
Leitrim	230	No change
Limerick	2,107	+26
Longford	581	+1
Louth	1,724	+7
Mayo	1,210	+12
Meath	3,029	+20
Monaghan	1,129	+3
Offaly	1,041	-2
Roscommon	808	+13
Sligo	656	+6
Tipperary	1,245	+11
Waterford	773	+5
Westmeath	1,434	+8
Wexford	1,101	No change
Wicklow	1,316	+6

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