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The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been notified of 23 additional deaths related to COVID-19.

All 23 of these deaths occurred in January.

The median age of those who died is 84 years and the age range is 61-99 years.

There has been a total of 2,970 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

As of midnight Saturday 23 January, the HPSC has been notified of 1,378 confirmed cases of COVID-19. There has now been a total of 187,554\* confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

(\*Validation of data at the HPSC has resulted in the denotification of 8 confirmed cases. The figure of 187,554 confirmed cases reflects this.)

Of the cases notified today:

- 643 are men and 730 are women
- 58% are under 45 years of age
- the median age is 39 years old
- 379 in Dublin, 145 in Cork, 86 in Wexford, 85 in Galway, 71 in Limerick, and the remaining 612 cases are spread across all other counties

As of 2pm today, 1,931 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 218 are in ICU. There have been 44 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours.

Dr Tony Holohan, Chief Medical Officer said:

"While we are starting to make progress in reducing the level of the virus in the community, this is a critical time for all of us to hold firm to the public health advice. We must not let down our guard against this highly infectious disease and the risk it poses to ourselves and those most medically vulnerable to infection.

"There is a huge volume of disease in the country and the recent surge in cases continues to place an unprecedented strain on ICUs, hospitals and other frontline healthcare services. The

answer lies in driving down social contacts and congregation in all settings, including in workplaces.

"Everyone who can, should work from home where possible. For those of us who cannot work from home, it is essential to follow the public health advice in the workplace, such as the wearing of face coverings when moving around communal areas. We urge all employers to facilitate home working as much as possible and to ensure strict adherence to public health measures in the workplace."

[The COVID-19 Dashboard provides up-to-date information on the key indicators of COVID-19 in the community.](#)

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\*\*County data should be considered provisional as the national Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System (CIDR) is a dynamic system and case details are continually being validated and updated.

## Today's cases

<b>County</b>	<b>Today's cases (to midnight 23/01/2021)</b>	<b>14-day incidence rate per 100,000 population (to 23/01/2021)</b>	<b>New cases during last 14 days (to 23/01/2021)</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>840.7</b>	<b>40,031</b>
Monaghan	61	1,661.6	1,020
Mayo	40	1,322.5	1,726
Louth	59	1,259.3	1,623
Carlow	21	1,103.1	628
Wexford	86	1,056.6	1,582
Waterford	50	984.7	1,144
Limerick	71	974.9	1,900
Dublin	379	937.8	12,635
Galway	85	892.0	2,302
Donegal	33	826.0	1,315
Cavan	26	800.8	610
Cork	145	800.4	4,345
Meath	59	773.7	1,509
Offaly	28	705.5	550
Kildare	44	698.4	1,554
Laois	17	673.0	570
Clare	17	663.2	788
Roscommon	8	646.1	417
Tipperary	26	641.2	1,023
Wicklow	27	525.9	749

Kilkenny	16	468.6	465
Westmeath	22	454.0	403
Kerry	18	437.4	646
Sligo	23	431.8	283
Longford	9	376.8	154
Leitrim	8	280.9	90

- the 7-day incidence is 312
- the 5-day moving average 2,148