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Latest updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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March 5

There have been 7 more confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), bringing the total in the country to 13.

4 males in the east of the country are associated with travel from Northern Italy. 2 of the new cases are females from the east and were in close contact with existing COVID-19 patients. 1 patient is believed to have caught COVID-19 through community transmission.

1 patient is receiving care in an isolation unit in Cork University Hospital.

All outpatient appointments scheduled in the hospital for Friday, 6th March, have been cancelled as part of infection control measures. A risk assessment is currently underway.

March 4

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has this evening been informed of four new confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland.

The patients are all associated with travel from the same affected area in Northern Italy.

There are two male and two female patients, from the western part of the country.

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Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed of two confirmed cases of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) in Northern Ireland. Both patients are in isolation in Northern Ireland and are receiving treatment. One patient is associated with travel from an affected area in Northern Italy. The other patient is associated with close contact with a confirmed case in the UK.

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March 3

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

There has been a second confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. The patient, a female in the eastern part of the country, travelled to Ireland from Northern Italy and is currently receiving appropriate medical care.

The patient was identified and tested in line with established protocols for the investigation of suspect cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

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March 2

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) has today confirmed the risk of widespread sustained transmission of COVID-19 in the EU and UK in the coming weeks is moderate to high.

Ireland remains in a containment phase, with one confirmed case currently in isolation and contact tracing is underway.

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March 1

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

Contact Tracing of the confirmed COVID-19 case, in the East of Ireland, has identified and made contact with a

secondary school. The principal, staff and parents of pupils of this school have been notified. Following risk assessment, all pupils and teachers are being treated as close contacts of the confirmed case. The school will close for the duration of the incubation period, which is 14 days.

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February

February 29

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. The patient, a male in the eastern part of the country, is currently receiving appropriate medical care. The patient was identified and tested in line with established protocols for the investigation of suspect cases of COVID-19.

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Minister for Health Statement on confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland

The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, issued a statement which confirmed a case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland. The statement urges people to follow the [advice of the HSE and the Health Protection Surveillance Centre](#).

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February 27

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed of a presumptive case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Northern Ireland. The patient is in isolation in Northern Ireland and is receiving treatment.

Public Health authorities have activated contact tracing protocols.

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February 25

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The National Public Health Emergency Team has today recommended that:

Algorithms be updated to reflect an expanded list of affected regions to include Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Iran, four regions in northern Italy (Lombardy, Veneto, Emilia-Romagna and Piedmont) alongside mainland China.

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February 23

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

Following on from the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Italy, the National Public Health Emergency Team has noted that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control now rates the risk of the occurrence of similar clusters of cases in other EU countries as moderate to high.

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February 20

Minister for Health signs regulations to make COVID-19 a Notifiable Disease

This will oblige doctors to routinely notify the HSE if a case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is diagnosed. This is common practice when dealing with an emerging infectious disease.

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February 18

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

78 suspected cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) have been tested in Ireland. To date, there are no confirmed

cases.



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February 11

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

65 suspected cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) have been tested in Ireland. To date, there are no confirmed cases.



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February 7

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

As of Monday 3 February, 15 suspected cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) have been tested in the National Virus Reference Laboratory (NVRL). To date, there are no confirmed cases.

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February 5

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team - First meeting of the Expert Advisory Group takes place

The first meeting of the Coronavirus Expert Advisory Group took place on Wednesday 5 February at the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HSPC) in Dublin 1.

To date, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland.

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February 4

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

The National Public Health Emergency Team met on Tuesday 4 February in the Department of Health.

As yet, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland.



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February 2

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

Ireland has advanced plans in place as part of its comprehensive preparedness to deal with public health emergencies such as COVID-19 (Coronavirus). These plans have helped us to respond to previous incidents such as pandemic influenza, SARS and MERS.

To date, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland.

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February 1

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

As of 1 February 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland.

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January

January 30

Statement from the National Public Health Emergency Team

Ireland is well positioned to detect and respond to a case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) that might arise here. As yet, there have been no confirmed cases in Ireland.



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