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Latest updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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April 10

Public health measures to be extended until May 5

The [public health measures](#) will be extended for a further 3 weeks. The measures will now stay in place until Tuesday, May 5.

The extension of the measures [external-link <https://www.gov.ie/en/speech/a7249f-speech-by-the-taoiseach-with-update-on-latest-covid-19-public-health/> | was announced by An Taoiseach,] Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Health, Simon Harris who both said that the measures are being extended because they are saving lives.

The [Gardaí Síochána's power to enforce COVID-19 restrictions](#) will also be extended until 5 May.

Leaving Cert to take place in July/August and Junior Cert to be replaced by class-based assessments

Joe McHugh, the Minister for Education, has confirmed that:

- the Leaving Cert will take place the last week of July or early August with a final decision on dates to be made subject to the public health advice in June.
- the Junior Cert will now be replaced by school-based exams and assessments which will take place early in the new school year
- all schools are to remain closed until further notice

[You can read the full details of today's announcement on schools and exams here.](#)

April 1 - 9

April 9

28 deaths and 500 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 28 people diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died.

Of the 28 deaths:

- the median age was 81
- the people included 15 females and 13 males
- 19 of the 28 had an underlying condition

There have now been 263 COVID-19-related deaths in Ireland.

500 new cases of COVID-19 in Ireland have been confirmed. There are now 6,574 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 6,444 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 7 April 2020.](#)

[View the COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Dashboard showing the latest stats and information here,](#)

April 8

25 deaths and 365 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 25 people diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died:

- 13 deaths located in the east, 8 in the north, 2 in the south and 2 in the west of the country
- the people included 10 females and 15 males
- the median age of today's reported deaths is 80
- 18 people were reported as having underlying health conditions

There have now been 235 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

365 new cases of COVID-19 in Ireland have been confirmed. There are now 6,074 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 5,981 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 6 April 2020.](#)

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April 7

36 deaths and 345 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 36 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died:

- 27 deaths located in the east, 6 in the north west, 3 in the south
- the patients included 17 females and 19 males
- 24 (66.6%) patients were reported as having underlying health conditions
- the median age of today's reported deaths is 81

There have now been 210 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland. The median age of deaths in Ireland is 81. The mean age of deaths in Ireland is 79.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has been informed of 345 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland, as at 1pm, Tuesday 7 April.

There are now 5,709 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 5,593 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 5 April 2020.](#)

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April 6

16 deaths and 370 cases of COVID-19 confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 16 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died:

- 11 deaths located in the east, 4 in the north west, 1 in the west of the country
- the patients included 6 females and 10 males
- 4 patients were reported as having underlying health conditions
- the median age of today's reported deaths is 78

There have now been 174 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland. The median age of deaths in Ireland is 81.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has been informed of 370 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland, as at 1pm, Monday 6 April.

There are now 5,364 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 4,916 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 4 April 2020.](#)

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April 5

21 deaths and 390 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 21 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died:

- 17 deaths located in the east, 2 in the south, 2 in the west of the country
- the patients included 9 females and 12 males
- 12 patients were reported as having underlying health conditions
- the median age of today's reported deaths is 81

There have now been 158 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

The median age of deaths in Ireland is 81.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has been informed of 390 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland, as at 1pm, Sunday 5 April.

There are now 4,994 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 4,443 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 3 April 2020.](#)

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April 4

17 deaths and 331 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 17 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died:

- 15 deaths located in the east, 1 in the south, 1 in the west of the country
- the patients included 4 females and 13 males
- 13 patients were reported as having underlying health conditions
- the median age of today's reported deaths is 77

There have now been 137 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland.

The median age of deaths in Ireland is 81.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has been informed of 331 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland, as of 1pm, Saturday 4 April. There are now 4,604 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 4,014 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 2 April 2020.](#)

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Minister for Health announces enhanced measures to support nursing home residents in response to COVID-19

The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, has announced further measures to support nursing homes residents in the context of the overarching response to COVID-19.

[Read more](#)

April 3

22 deaths and 424 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HSPC) has been informed that 22 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died.

There have now been 120 deaths from COVID-19 in Ireland. The median age of COVID-19-related deaths in

Ireland is 82.

A further 424 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Ireland. The total number of confirmed cases now stands at 4273 in Ireland.

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[See an analysis of the 3,655 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 1 April 2020.](#)

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Minister signs regulations to help with prescriptions during COVID-19

The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, has made changes to ensure that patients will no longer have to bring paper scripts to pharmacists to get prescriptions or repeat prescriptions. Instead - these prescriptions will be emailed to the pharmacy from the prescribing doctor via the HSE's Healthmail system.

As well as this, prescription lengths have been increased - so people with a prescription for 6 months will have the validity period extended to 9 months.

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April 2

13 deaths and 402 new cases confirmed

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 13 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died.

- 9 deaths located in the east, 1 in the south, 3 in the west of the country
- the patients included 4 females and 9 males
- 10 patients were reported as having underlying health conditions

There have now been 98 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland. The median age of deaths in Ireland is 82.

There have been 402 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 bringing the number of cases to 3,849 in total.

[Read more](#)

[See an analysis of the 3,282 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 31 March 2020.](#)

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April 1

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has today been informed that 14 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 in Ireland have died.

- 10 deaths located in the east, 4 in the south
- the patients included 7 females and 7 males
- 8 patients were reported as having underlying health conditions

There have now been 85 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland. The median age of deaths in Ireland is 82.

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre has been informed of 212 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland, as at 1pm, Wednesday 1 April. There are now 3,447 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland.

[Read more](#)

[See an analysis of the 2,990 cases of COVID-19 in Ireland as of 30 March 2020.](#)

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January - March

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