

# Latest updates on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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## The latest news as of 5.45pm on Friday 18 December

### 6 deaths and 582 cases confirmed:

- the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has been informed of 6 additional deaths among people with COVID-19 in Ireland
- there have been 2,149 COVID-19 related deaths in Ireland
- 582 additional cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed
- there have now been 78,254 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ireland
- as of 2pm today (Friday), 198 COVID-19 patients are hospitalised, of which 34 are in ICU. There have been 13 additional hospitalisations in the past 24 hours

[You can view the full statement from NPHET here, as well as more data and a county-by-county breakdown of cases. \(/en/press-release/7e5c7-statement-from-the-national-public-health-emergency-team-friday-18-december/\)](/en/press-release/7e5c7-statement-from-the-national-public-health-emergency-team-friday-18-december/)

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