Covid-19 infection rates are at an all-time high and hospitalisations are increasing alarmingly. Additional measures are required to save lives and protect our health services.

From midnight on 30th December until 31st January, full Level 5 restrictions will apply nationally.

This means that we must stay at home except for travel for work, education or other essential purposes or for exercise within 5km of home.

For full details of Level 5 in January please go to [gov.ie/covid-19](https://www.gov.ie/covid-19)

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## Level 5 Restrictions — 30th December to 31st January

### Social & Family Gatherings
- **Home or garden**: No visitors to home or garden
- **Weddings**: Max 6 guests
- **Organised Outdoor Events**: None
- **Indoor Sports Training**: None
- **Matches & Events**: None
- **Long-term Residential Care Facilities**: Closed to visits except for critical or compassionate reasons

### Religious Services
- Services online only
- **Funerals**: Up to 10 with protective measures
- **Bars, Cafes, Restaurants serving food**: Takeaway & delivery only
- **Hotels, Guesthouses & B&Bs**: Essential stay only
- **Wet Pubs**: Closed
- **Religious Services**: Services online only
- **Retail & Personal Services**: Essential retail only

### Workplace
- **Work from home** unless it is essential work that cannot be done at home.
- **Travel — Out**: Stay at home
- **Travel — In**: Exercise within 5km
- **Public Transport**: Essential public transport only, walk or cycle.
- **Swimming Pools, Leisure Centres, Gyms**: Closed
- **Indoor Cultural Venues**: Closed
- **Schools, Early Learning, & Childcare Services**: Open with protective measures
- **Adult/Higher Education**: Primarily online with exemptions for essential onsite activities
- **Over 70s & Medically Vulnerable**: Exercise judgement

### Notes
1. Weddings may proceed as planned up to 2nd January with max. 25 guests — thereafter max. 6 guests.
2. Sports matches and events should not take place — except for professional and elite participants, horse and greyhound racing and approved equestrian events behind closed doors.
3. Non-essential retail, swimming pools, leisure centres and gyms will close from 6pm on 31st December.
4. Schools will open from 11th January.

### International Travel
Current restrictions on travel from Britain to Ireland are extended to include travel from South Africa and will remain in place until 6th January.