



Minister Swann's speaking notes - Press Conference Wednesday 3 February 2021

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Today I repeat the central message that we have heard so many times over the last year. Never ever underestimate Covid-19 and the damage it can do.

Today, we have recorded an additional 11 Covid related deaths in Northern Ireland. That's 11 more tragedies, 11 more families grieving.

My thoughts are very much with the loved ones of those who have died.

Sadly, this pandemic is far from over.

While we are making important progress, this remains a long-term struggle. There will inevitably be more challenges, more setbacks and more tragedy.

But Northern Ireland can and will get through this.

We can gain hope and strength from the progress of our vaccination programme.

