



Enhance Public Health Measures for COVID- 19 Disease Management

Long Term Residential Care (LTRC) and Home Support

Proposal on Occupational Supports and Information

Current Situation:

Many Long Term Residential Care (LTRC) and Home Support services do not have Occupational Health Services. This is a proposed outline of guidance available to these services.

Available Support and Information for Non- HSE Services

1. Fitness for work

- a. Interim Guidance for Coronavirus - Healthcare Worker Management By Occupational Health.
- b. Guidance on Pregnant Healthcare Workers (HCWs), Vulnerable HCWs and HCW with Other Pre-Existing Disease available at Both available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/occupationalhealthguidance/>

2. Testing and Return to work

- c. Priority Testing available to all HCW through GP Health-link – www.healthlink.ie
- d. Guidance on Testing and Return to Work available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/occupationalhealthguidance/>
 - Telephone Assessment, Testing Pathway and Return to Work of Symptomatic Healthcare Workers Algorithm
 - Guidance on Derogation for the return to work of Healthcare Workers
 - Leaflets for 'Essential' HCWs returning to work on active or passive monitoring.
 - Active twice daily temperature monitoring chart

3. Contact Tracing

- a. Access to CRM via either Public Health Outbreak Control Team or Occupational Health
- b. Deployment of contact tracing teams for complex cases as above

- c. **Guidance on Contact Tracing available at <https://www.hpsc.ie/az/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/occupationalhealthguidance/>**
 - **Interim Guidance for Coronavirus - Healthcare Worker Management By Occupational Health**
 - **Leaflets for casual/close contacts and HCWs returning from travel**
 - **Risk Assessment of Healthcare Workers with Potential Workplace Exposure to Covid-19 Case**

4. Personal Protection Equipment


- a. **HSE single point of contact for the supply and replenishment of critical PPE stocks <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthbusinessservices/procurement/hbs%20procurement%20covid-19%20.html>**
- b. **Advice and Support for appropriate PPE for specific procedures on HPSC website with wide distribution of information through both HIQA and Nursing Home Ireland <https://www.hpsc.ie/az/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/infectionpreventionandcontrolguidance/ppe/>**
- c. **Training videos online**
 - i. **Education modules for putting on and taking off PPE safely on [HSELand](#) (One for staff working in acute hospital settings and one for staff working in the community settings).**
 - ii. **[Log in to HSELand](#) using private email address and search for ‘putting on and taking off PPE’)**

5. EAP supports

- a. **EAP/ WHWU published staff mental health guidance for HSE healthcare workers: “*Minding Your Mental Health during COVID-19*”: <https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/news/coronavirus/staff-minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>**
- b. **Health Sector Psycho-Social supports available to HCWs, delivered through CHO-based COVID psychosocial support teams.**
- c. **WHWU Guidance on Death in Service of a Colleague due to COVID-19 (available on request)**

Strengthened HSE National and Regional Governance Structures

Proposed Referral AND Escalation Pathway for OH supports

			
STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Local LTRC	Community Health Organisation	Designated OH Nursing Supports	Designated OH Medical Supports
Donegal Sligo, Leitrim Cavan, Monaghan Mayo, Roscommon Galway Limerick	CHO 1 Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim/Cavan/Monaghan Frank Morrison Frank.Morrison@hse.ie CHO 2 Galway/ Roscommon Mayo Martin Greaney Martin.Greaney@hse.ie CHO 3 Clare/ Limerick/ North Tipp/East Limerick Paschal Moynihan Paschal.Moynihan@hse.ie	Supportregion1@centrichealth .ie	Dr Muiris Houston
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**Helpline 1850 420 420 8am-8pm Monday to Friday 9 am- 5 pm Weekends
(Fully staffed helpline for all HCW with medical and nursing OH advice)**

