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
   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

   • 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
   • 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
   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
   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”:
   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

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*(Fully staffed helpline for all HCW with medical and nursing OH advice)*