

***** CORONAVIRUS *****

Dr. Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer has requested HealthLink to issue the following notification to all General Practitioners registered with HealthLink on his behalf:

7th February 2020

Re: Coronavirus - latest information available at hpsc.ie

Dear Doctor.

As you are aware the World Health Organisation recently declared a public health emergency of international concern in relation to coronavirus.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, we are publishing daily updates and guidance for health professionals on hpsc.ie until further notice.

For the general public, information on coronavirus signs and symptoms is available on www.hse.ie/coronavirus

Guidance

As a GP, we are aware you could be the first point of contact for a patient presenting with this illness.

Our immediate priority is to signpost you to guidance which is published at hpsc.ie.

PPE

Our other priority is to ensure that you have appropriate protective and prevention equipment available, should it be required.

To this end, we are distributing supplies of appropriate equipment to general practices around the country.

Information, including a video, about the use and disposal of PPE is available on hpsc.ie.

PPE Packs are currently being produced and the issue of these packs to GP practices has commenced.

In the event that supplies are not received in your practice by Monday 17th February, please contact our GP Procurement Lead Olivia Power:

- Email: Olivia.power@hse.ie
- Tel: 059 9178061
- Mobile: 087 2169096

Your local Public Health department is available for advice and guidance on any suspected case, including out of hours.

The National Ambulance Service is managing cases and we are liaising directly with GP Out-Of-Hours services.

Please also see attached a letter from Dr John Cuddihy, Director of the Health Protection Surveillance Centre, HSE, advising on the notification requirements for suspected cases of coronavirus.

If you are aware of any other General Practitioners who would like to be included in this circulation list regarding coronavirus, please ask them to email: coronavirus.feedback@hse.ie

Thank you for your support in this national effort.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Henry', with a large, sweeping checkmark-like flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Dr Colm Henry
Chief Clinical Officer

Note:

You are receiving this because you are registered with HealthLink.

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