

Dear Community Health Professional,

The Health Protection and Surveillance Centre has updated national guidance on Coronavirus, which is on the HPSC website. You may receive this from a number of sources as we work to reach everyone as quickly as possible.

All testing is done in a receiving hospital, so the details are included below for your information only.

This is an evolving situation. We are currently in a containment phase for this infection, which emphasises isolation of cases and contact tracing. People are being advised to make telephone contact rather than present unannounced at a healthcare facility. Doctors in the community should not generally need to examine suspected cases which meet the criteria as per the algorithm. Face-to-face contact with a suspected case should be avoided or minimised once the risk has been identified. Assessment can ideally be undertaken by telephone and proceed as per the algorithm.

Distribution of PPE to GPs is almost complete. Information on the use of PPE, particularly its removal and disposal, is on the [HPSC](#) website. GPs who have not received PPE by Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February should contact the GP Procurement Lead, Olivia Power;

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- Tel: 059 9178061
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A range of posters you can download and print for entrances and waiting areas can be found on the HPSC website and also on the [ICGP Clinical Hub](#).

Your feedback is welcome at [coronavirus.feedback@hse.ie](mailto:coronavirus.feedback@hse.ie).

The latest advice and information is always available at [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie).

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