Know the Symptoms of COVID-19

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important to know and recognise the symptoms of coronavirus (which includes the DELTA variant).

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- a fever (high temperature 38 degrees Celsius or above).
- a new cough this can be any kind of cough, not just dry.
- · shortness of breath or breathing difficulties.
- loss or change in your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Fatigue
- Aches and Pains

Other uncommon symptoms of coronavirus include:

- sore throat
- •headaches
- •runny or stuffy noses
- •feeling sick or vomiting
- diarrhoea

Infection with the virus that causes COVID-19 can cause illness, ranging from mild to severe, and, in some cases, can be fatal. It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of <u>cold</u> and <u>flu</u>.

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus), <u>self-isolate</u> (stay in your room) and phone your family doctor straight away to see if you need <u>a free COVID-19 test</u>.

Getting an early diagnosis means, you can get the help you need and take steps to avoid spreading the virus, if you have it.

For the complete list of symptoms, please refer to the HSE <u>Website</u>. Symptoms may be subject to change so regular review of the HSE Website is advised. If you **do not** have symptoms, you can get a free COVID-19 (coronavirus) test at a <u>COVID-19 walk-in test centre</u>.

COVID-19 Tracker App

COVID Tracker app is a free and easy-to-use mobile phone app that will:

- alert you if you have been in <u>close contact</u> with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)
- keep other app users safe by alerting them if you test positive for COVID-19
- give you advice on what to do if you have symptoms

You can download the free app from Apple's AppStore or the GooglePlay store

Employers and workers must keep themselves up to date on Public Health information as this can be updated on a regular basis. Public Health information on <u>close contacts</u>, <u>casual contacts</u> and testing is available from the HSE website.