

Name of Cell: Infection Prevention & Control (IPaC)

Action Card: Enhanced surveillance testing for indirect contacts (IDC) where there are two or more positive staff cases identified within the environment.

Guidance:

Operational guidance for testing requirements of an indirect contact who works within a healthcare environment **where two or more colleagues** have tested positive for Covid-19.

Process / Step by Step Guidance

1	Healthcare worker (HCW) identified as an indirect contact by Infection Prevention and Control team in conjunction with area manager's clinical assessment
2	<p>Staff member to undertake a covid -19 test at day 0, 5 and 10 through Peer to Peer swabbing , JGH swabbing centre or harbour drive through.</p> <p>For HCS staff swabs to be arranged by manager through HCSStaffCOVIDswabbing@health.gov.je</p> <p>For Non HCS staff swabs to be arranged by manager through j.owens@health.gov.je m.pickup@health.gov.je m.brydon@gov.je</p>
3	There is no requirement for self isolation of the staff member as long as they continue to receive negative swab results (do not need to wait for day zero), remain asymptomatic and follow public health and IPaC guidelines
4	<p>If staff member becomes symptomatic during working hours within the 10 day testing period staff member must self isolate at home and contact the covid helpline to arrange a covid test. If negative result is received staff can return to work and continue on testing regime for the remainder of the 10 days.</p> <p>If staff member becomes unwell at work they must return home immediately. If it does not delay their return home, a peer to peer swab can be carried out prior to leaving the workplace.</p> <p>Staffs wellbeing must remain a priority and return to work despite negative result may not be possible for some staff.</p>
5	The area manager must re-visit their covid workplace plans to ensure the ongoing safety of their staff members.

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