

Covid-19 And other Public Health Measures 21st October 2020

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Public Health Measures

Ireland is moving to Level 5 at midnight on **Wednesday night (21st October)**.

[See the measures that will come into place here.](#)

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Disability Day Services during Level 5

In line with current NPHET advice in respect of Level 5, disability day services will continue to remain open and are deemed essential. **More information** [here](#).

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New COVID-19 Campaign

Bubbles - a new social media creative and content-sharing campaign for young people went live today. The first phase of the campaign will see TV, social and digital formats. The idea of the Bubble is to create a visual reminder for the protection we share when we follow public health actions, and how easily it can be lost. The bubble idea makes the invisible, visible.

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Flu Vaccine for Children aged 2-12 years

This autumn, children aged 2-12 years are offered the flu vaccine free of charge. The vaccine is administered by the GP or pharmacist using a nasal spray.

Children carry the flu virus in their system longer than adults do and they can spread the flu easily to others. If enough children are vaccinated against flu, fewer children and adults will need to see their doctor or need treatment in hospital because of flu. This is very important for our health services especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will send a children's flu vaccine partner pack to you next week. In the meantime, you can find more information on the flu vaccine for children [here](#) and you can watch the new [TV ad here](#).

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COVID-19 Guidance for Older People and Others at Risk of Severe Disease on Reducing Risk of COVID-19 Infection

The guide, developed in consultation with Alone, SAGE and the National Care Alliance, is for people who live in the community and for those who help them if and when they need help.

[download here](#).

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COVID-19 Guidance on Visitations to Long Term Residential Care Facilities

This guidance is for visiting people who live in residential care facilities such as nursing homes, HSE long term facilities etc. [download here](#).

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NEW

COVID-19 Guidance on Visits to and From Community Housing Units for People with Disabilities

[V1.0 19.10.2020 download here.](#)

Public Health Information

As always, for the most up to date information and advice on Coronavirus, please go to:

<https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/> and
<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/>.

Clinical and professional guidance relating to COVID-19 is available on www.hpsc.ie where you'll find up to date guidance for healthcare settings and non-clinical settings.

Please also check [here](#) for the most up to date partner resources for COVID-19.

You can view the latest information on how Ireland is responding to cases of COVID-19 [here](#).