

# Scoil Chormaic Covid 19-Risk Assessment

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For the purpose of this specific document and the measures outlined, the Hazard being assessed against is Covid-19

		<i>Risk Communication, Education and Training</i>		
<b>Who may be Affected</b>	<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Control Measures in Place</b>	<b>Risk Rating with Controls</b>	<b>Personnel Responsible for implementation and compliance with Control Measures</b>
All school staff.	Spread of Covid-19 virus  Persons currently deemed most at risk of complications if they catch the coronavirus are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 years of age and over</li> <li>• have long-term medical conditions – i.e. heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer</li> <li>• pregnant women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A system is in place to ensure that all school staff are kept up to date in a timely fashion, with the latest advice from Government, HSE and the Department of Education.</li> <li>• Staff have been made aware of and of their responsibilities to familiarise themselves with the symptoms of Covid19.</li> <li>• The schools Covid 19 response plan has been made available to all school staff.</li> <li>• Staff have been provided with information and guidance on the measures that have been put in place to prevent the spread of the virus and are aware of their role and responsibilities in this regard.</li> </ul>	Negligible	BOM,Princpal.  Delivery and facilitation of training for staff.  Distribution of relevant protocols/ procedures and latest advice from government and Department of Education to staff  All School Staff  Attend and complete

	<p>Known effects of the coronavirus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A fever (high temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or above)</li> <li>• A cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just a dry cough</li> <li>• Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties</li> <li>• Loss of sense of smell</li> <li>• Loss of sense of taste or distortion of sense of taste</li> <li>• Death</li> </ul> <p>Risk of Spread of Covid from a deficit in staff knowledge and awareness of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs and symptoms of Covid 19.</li> <li>• Measures to reduce the spread of infection</li> <li>• Appropriate action to follow if you develop symptoms of Covid 19</li> <li>• The schools protocols and procedures to mitigate and manage the risk of spread of Covid 19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Covid 19 Contact log will be kept to support the HSE with contact tracing if required and staff have been made aware of the purpose of this log.</li> <li>• A system has been put in place and staff have been made aware of this, to raise issues or concerns and have them responded to.</li> <li>• Staff have been issued with Covid 19 Return to Work Form and facilitated in having this returned 3 days prior before they return to the workplace. Any substitutes who are covering for staff member who are sick, will be required to complete a Self Declaration Form prior to commencement of work.</li> <li>• Staff member who are at very high risk under the HSE guidance have been advised on the DES agreed arrangements for their management.</li> <li>• Staff have been advised on the conditions under which they must stay at home from work.</li> <li>• Staff have been advised on what to do and what to expect if they start to develop symptoms of Covid 19, including where the isolation area is.</li> <li>• Staff have been advised on the availability of the supports of the occupational health and wellbeing programme through Spectrum life.</li> <li>• Lead Worker Representatives have been identified to help advise staff and monitor compliance with general Covid Control measures and steps have been undertaken to ensure all staff are aware of who these representatives are.</li> <li>• Staff have been advised on the Departments on line training materials and will received additional training prior to the recommencement of school.</li> <li>• Arrangements have been made for staff to have regular access to hand washing/sanitising facilities across the school setting and all staff have been asked to view "How to wash hands (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds) and dry them correctly through the use of the HSE video</li> </ul>		<p>all required training.</p> <p>Follow all required protocols.</p> <p>Communication of issues or concerns via outlined pathways</p>
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