



Quick Guide for Healthcare Worker (HCW) Management

27th Sep 2021



	Unvaccinated HCW/No COVID-19 infection within previous 9 months	Vaccinated† HCW/Confirmed COVID-19 infection within previous 9 months
Close contact - Covid Detected case (Not a Person under Investigation 'PUI' for a Variant of Concern VOC)	<p>Restrict movements (RM) for 14 days; test at day 0 and day 10;</p> <p>Exit RM if day 10 test result is 'not detected' and return to work Derogation possible</p>	HCW does not require restricted movement or testing.
HCW is a Household close contact of someone awaiting test/result Not a PUI for a VOC (Managed by Public Health)	<p>Restrict movements (RM) until test results available If test result is 'not detected' can return to work If test result is 'COVID-19 detected' Restrict movements (RM) for 14 days; test at day 0 and day 10; Exit RM if day 10 test result is 'not detected' and return to work Derogation possible</p>	<p>HCW does not require restricted movement while household contact is awaiting test/results.</p> <p>HCW does not require restricted movement or testing if household test result is 'Covid-19 detected'</p>
Close contact – PUI Covid Detected VOC case excluding Alpha and Delta	<p>Restrict movements (RM) for 14 days Test at day 0 and day 10; Can exit RM with both tests confirmed 'not detected' and return to work Derogation not possible</p>	<p>Restrict movements (RM) for 14 days Test at day 0 and day 10; Can exit RM with both tests confirmed 'not detected' and return to work Derogation not possible</p>
	Unvaccinated HCW/No COVID-19 infection within previous 180 days	Vaccinated† HCW/Confirmed COVID-19 infection within previous 180 days
HCW Returning from Travel in the EU, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway, Switzerland	If HCW has a negative RT-PCR result from a test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country, HCW does not require quarantine and can attend work.	HCW does not require restricted movement or testing and can attend work. Proof of vaccination/ recovery must be in line with Government guidance https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/
Travel restrictions for passengers arriving into Ireland from outside EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland (includes Great Britain)	<p>You must present evidence of a negative result from a RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country</p> <p>Self-quarantine for 14 days</p> <p>Can leave quarantine with a negative RT-PCR test taken from day 5 onwards</p>	<p>HCW does not require restricted movement or testing and can attend work.</p> <p>Proof of vaccination/ recovery must be in line with Government guidance https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/</p>

†Vaccinated HCW (Close Contacts) - The Healthcare Worker has achieved 'Significant Vaccine Protection' as per 'Guidance on the impact of vaccination on contact tracing' - https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/contacttracingguidance/Guidance_impact%20of%20vaccination%20on%20contact%20tracing%20guidance.pdf

***Travel requirements can change – [Government guidance](#) must be checked at date of return**