

Mr Paul Reid,
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Via email: ceo.office@hse.ie

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Ref: MD/PR/BOC/PPE

Dear Paul

Enhanced Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is required for the care of all residents with respiratory symptoms which are suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19.

In the interest of resident and staff protection, I am requesting that prior to a covid-19 outbreak being declared, a baseline supply of the appropriate PPE used for the implementation of contact and droplet precautions be made available as a priority within all nursing homes and congregated disability centers.

While the national supply of PPE remains a concern, I request that a baseline supply should consider the projected consumption rate relative to the number of residents in the centre and be sufficient to last 3 days.

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This includes:

- long sleeved, fluid-repellent disposable gowns
- non-sterile examination gloves
- surgical masks
- FFP2/FFP3 masks for Aerosol Generating Procedures

Yours sincerely,



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