



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae  
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**PQ 8878/20** \* *To ask the Minister for Health the procedure in relation to testing for Covid-19 in hospitals; if a person presents at accident and emergency are they tested for Covid-19 or if this depends on if they are presenting with an injury or illness related or not related to Covid-19 symptoms; and if the procedure differs based on if the patient is being admitted to the hospital or treated as an outpatient*

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

It is practise that individuals, who present to ED and who do not require admission, are referred to their GP for the organisation of COVID-19 testing, if indicated. This is in order to ensure capacity is used to the maximum benefit for the population.

Individuals who are cared for in the community are tested in the community and those in hospital tested in hospital. Of note the community capacity for testing exceeds that of the hospital.

This is in compliance with the Covid-19 Assessment and Testing Pathway for a Hospital Setting which is published by the HSE Health Protection Surveillance Centre and can be found via the following link.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/algorithms/COVID-19%20Assessment%20and%20testing%20pathway%20for%20Hospital%20Setting.pdf>

I trust that this is of assistance

Yours sincerely,



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