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**PQ 9849-21 To ask the Minister for Health the current criteria for testing patients upon discharge for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Clarke

Thank you for your representation. All patients being admitted to hospital undergo a COVID test as part of the screening protocol for both emergency and scheduled care admissions. Chapter 6 of this document outlines the routine surveillance that should take place in relation to a patient who is discharged from hospital.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/covid-19-guidance/guidance-on-the-management-of-scheduled-services-for-adults-in-acute-hospitals-during-the-covid-19-era.pdf>

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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