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Deputy Peadar Toibin

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**Re: PQ ref 56750/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm reports that the Covid programme office at St James' Hospital sent a text message to staff on 15 November instructing that all staff that are household close contacts may attend work if they are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Toibin,

All staff that are **CLOSE household** contacts can attend work if:

- They are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic; and
- the person they live with, who tested positive for COVID-19, can safely isolate away from the rest of the household.
- They carry out daily antigen tests and will receive a PCR test on day 5
- **This process is not applicable if the person that tests positive for COVID-19 in their household is a child**

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Noel Gorman

Chief Operations Officer