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**To ask the Minister for Health if patients with Covid-19 are being placed in wards with non-Covid-19 patients; if so, the person or body that authorised the decision; the basis of infection control upon which this decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cronin,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The management of patients with possible or confirmed COVID-19 in acute hospitals is underpinned by the **Acute Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Precautions for Possible or Confirmed COVID-19 in a Pandemic Setting 07.03.2022** guidance and supported by continuous local risk assessment based on available information, patient need and safety. This guidance can be found at the link below and page 25 details recommended practice for **COVID-19 Positive Patient Placement for Inpatient Care**.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/guidanceforhealthcareworkers/acutehospitalguidance/InfectionPreventionandControlPrecautionsforAcuteSettings.pdf>

The Infection Prevention and Control guidance above should be considered in conjunction with the following relevant acute operations guidance for scheduled and unscheduled care.

**CD19-198-004\_Guidance on the management of COVID19 related risk in the Adult Unscheduled Care Pathway The acute floor 08.02.22**

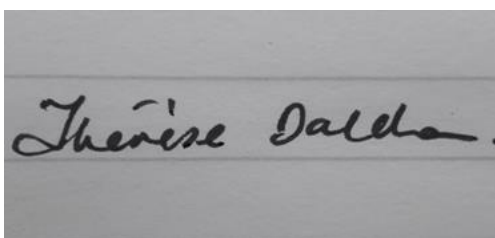
[Guidance on the management of COVID-19 related risk in Adult Unscheduled Care Pathway; The Acute Floor \(CD19-198-004/08.02.22\)](#)

**NCD19-023-005\_Guidance on the management of COVID-19 related risk in scheduled services for adults in acute hospitals 08.02.22**

[Guidance on the management of COVID-19 related risk in scheduled services for adults in acute hospitals \(NCD19-023-005 /08.02.22\)](#)

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction

Yours sincerely,

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Therese Dalchan

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