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Deputy Cathal Crowe,  
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**Re: To ask the Minister for Health if her department has any plans to reduce the five-day stay-at-home requirement for those with Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Crowe,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The current guidance 'Public Health Advice for the Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19' (dated 18 April 2023) is currently under review by the Acute Respiratory Infections Guideline Development Group (GDG), as part of the broader revision of the 'Public Health Management of Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI): Chapter 2'. The document remains at an advanced working draft stage. The review process is ongoing, with formal approval and publication of the updated guidance anticipated by the end of August 2025.

The updated guidance will not reduce the five-day stay-at-home requirement for those with Covid-19.

If you require any further information or clarification, please do contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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