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**From:** Comms DNCC <comms.dncc@hse.ie>  
**Sent:** Friday 4 September 2020 09:57  
**Subject:** HSE CHO Dublin North City and County - Update on Community Testing

Dear Senator,

I am aware there is a lot of attention currently on Covid-19 Testing and Contact Tracing. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you in Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) our permanent Testing Centre is located at the National Show Centre, Cloghran, Swords, Co Dublin. The Centre provides access to testing for the entire population of our CHO and has sufficient capacity to meet current demand with the ability to increase capacity of up to 2,000 tests per day if required. The Testing Centre in Swords is currently operating 7 days per week. In addition, CHO DNCC has the capability to open new test centres if the need arises, thereby further increasing capacity.

Currently CHO DNCC are averaging at 90% of appointments for testing being offered within 24 hours of receipt of referral. We have also built specific capacity to deal with outbreaks which may occur in schools in our area and this cohort will be allocated appointments in the early evening to accommodate families attending.

CHO DNCC are continuing to carry out serial testing in long term residential care facilities including private nursing homes. Serial testing in the two meat plants in our area will commence on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 with the assistance of the National Ambulance Service.

DCU Community Assessment Hub provides GP services for Covid-19 positive and presumptive positive patients while ensuring GP practices are safe for those not affected by Covid-19.

As previously advised preventative measures are never more important and I would appreciate your assistance in promoting this among your constituents to support them in protecting themselves and the wider community.

### Key messages for the community living in CHO Dublin North City and County

- We can stop the spread of Covid-19 by washing our hands. Clean hands stop the spread of harmful germs. Wear a face covering when needed: [www.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html](http://www.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/face-masks-disposable-gloves.html).
- Covid-19 testing is available quickly and free of charge on referral from your GP.
- Immunisation protects you and your community. Please avail of childhood immunisations services, available through the HSE, or flu vaccination, which will be available through GP/pharmacist - these offer best protection.
- Non-emergency mental health supports to mind your mental health are available online at [www.yourmentalhealth.ie](http://www.yourmentalhealth.ie). For urgent help for an emergency mental health issue, please encourage them to call 999 or 112. Freecall Samaritans 116123.

If you have any queries regarding the above or any services within CHO DNCC please contact myself, or the relevant Head of Service:-

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Kind regards,

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