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Dear Paul,

I wish to bring to your attention, as Chair of the HSE NCMT, the following decision arising from today's meeting of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) which now requires actioning by the HSE and Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC):

- The NPHE reiterated its previous recommendation that people should work from home wherever possible, however, in the event that people are required to attend their workplace in person, the NPHE recommends the use of face masks in indoor communal areas or where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

Finally, thank you for providing an update in relation to the progress that has been made on the actions and decisions communicated to you by the NPHE. As always, officials from this department continue to be available to work with relevant HSE staff.

Yours sincerely,

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