## An Roinn Sláinte Department of Health Office of the Chief Medical Officer



Dr Colm Henry Chief Clinical Officer Health Service Executive Dr Steevan's Hospital Dublin 8

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Via email to cco@hse.ie

Dear Colm,

I would like to draw your attention to two items as agreed by NPHET yesterday evening (12<sup>th</sup> March 2020).

- As you are aware, the NPHET accepted Expert Advisory Group's advice in relation to selfisolation discharge criteria. I would be grateful if you could ensure that the HSE's guidance in relation to this matter is updated and implemented.
- 2. NPHET also made a recommendation that all people returning from areas identified by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) as "avoid nonessential travel" and "do not travel" (for COVID-19) should restrict their movements for 14 days. This recommendation applies prospectively. I would appreciate if you could ensure that the HSE's advice is updated and published regarding this recommendation.

Thank you for your ongoing support and contributions to the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency response.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tony Holonan Chief Medical Officer