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Dear Cillian,

As you are aware a National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) has been convened to address issues in relation to Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

In addition, an Expert Advisory Group, which you have kindly agreed to Chair, has been established to support the work of the NPHE. The remit of the EAG includes the provision of clear, evidence-based expert advice on 2019-nCoV preparedness and response.

Following a meeting of the NPHE yesterday (4<sup>th</sup> February), the NPHE seeks the expert advice and guidance of the EAG in relation to the following:

***Review current guidance and international practice pertaining to the issue of self-isolation for asymptomatic individuals who have returned from mainland China within the past 14 days and provide a recommendation for the approach to this in Ireland.***

As the NPHE is due to meet again next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> February), a timely response would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Medical Officer