



Mr. Stephen Donnelly TD,
Minister for Health,
Department of Health,
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27th August 2020

Via email to Private Secretary to the Minister for Health

Dear Minister,

I write further to today's meeting of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET). The NPHET reviewed the current epidemiological situation nationwide, and specifically in Kildare. With regard to the epidemiological situation in Kildare the NPHET noted that while there are some signs of improvement the epidemiological profile has not yet improved sufficiently to allow for an easing of restrictions. In this regard the NPHET recommends that the enhanced public health measures put in place on the 7th August in Kildare remain in place; this will be kept under close review.

The NPHET, having regard to the current epidemiological situation nationwide and its recommendations of the 17th August to introduce public health measures nationally, proposed that pubs, bars and hotel bars should remain closed at this time. This will be kept under close review by the NPHET. Similarly, the NPHET proposed nightclubs, discotheques and casinos should also remain closed at this time.

The NPHET of course remains available to provide any further advice and recommendations that may be of assistance to you and Government in relation to ongoing decision-making processes in respect of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I would be happy to discuss further, should you wish.

Yours sincerely,

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A/Chief Medical Officer

Chair of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team

cc. Ms Elizabeth Canavan, Department of the Taoiseach and Chair of the Senior Officials Group for COVID-19