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Dear Paul,

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

- The NPHE endorses the paper "*Sars-CoV-2: A Testing Strategy Approach*", except for proposals in respect of testing healthcare workers in acute settings. In this regard, the NPHE requests that the HSE develop a paper outlining the necessary steps to protect the health and well-being of healthcare workers including a risk based approach to serial testing.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the wider team across the HSE for your ongoing support and work across the health and social care services as we move through the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency. Officials from this Department have been and continue to be available to work with relevant HSE staff.

Yours sincerely,

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