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To all NIBRT Staff and Visitors

NIBRT would like to assure you that we are following the best available current advice and direction from the Health Service Executive with respect to prevention of the spread of the novel Coronavirus.

Essentially the advice directs that all staff and visitors practice:

- Good workplace hygiene
- Good hand hygiene
- Good respiratory hygiene

With respect to WORKPLACE hygiene, NIBRT Facilities are doing the following:

- At scheduled times, conducting ongoing Cleaning and disinfection of Handles/push plates on doors, Taps/washbasins, Handrails and other commonly used surfaces with the recommended chemical Oxivir Plus Spray.
- Cleaning and disinfection is important to prevent the spread of this virus, Paying particular attention to surfaces touched by hands, using the correct chemicals and always following manufacturer’s instructions.

To ensure good practice with respect to PERSONAL hygiene;

- Proper hand hygiene is one of the best ways to prevent spread of the virus and to this end please continue to use the soaps provide and the hand sanitizers which are located throughout the facility.
- NIBRT will strongly encourage all staff and visitors to follow the above procedure and indicate the location of these sanitizer dispensing units.
- If you find that a dispensing unit is empty please alert facilities immediately.

Finally, please ensure good respiratory hygiene when you cough or sneeze by:

- Covering mouth & nose with a clean tissue.
- Disposing of tissue properly in a bin and sanitising your hands.
- If you don’t have a tissue, cough/sneeze into the bend of the elbow; not into your hands.

Your health and well-being is a top priority, we will continue to implement best current official advice to to minimise spread of this virus in what is a fast-changing situation.

Please keep up to date with Coronavirus by using the following links:-

https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/china/

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In light of the ongoing concerns regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in an effort to minimise further spread, NIBRT wish to take a moment of your time to assess any risk. For further information please refer to [HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie).

Please let us know if **WITHIN THE LAST 14 DAYS**;

A  You have been to a place where there is spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) 
   *Yes / No*

   **Or**

B  You have been in contact with a person diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19) 
   *Yes / No*

   **Or**

C  You have attended a health care facility where patients with Coronavirus (COVID-19) are being treated 
   *Yes / No*

   **And**

D  You are feeling **unwell** with symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath 
   *Yes / No*

If you have answered **yes** to A or B or C AND **yes** to D, your visit to NIBRT must be postponed. We regret any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

We ask that you exercise good respiratory and hand hygiene during your visit to NIBRT.