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Risk Assessment COVID-19

For all staff in HSE Dental and Orthodontic Services

Exercise high levels of clinical suspicion

PERFORM RISK ASSESSMENT BY TELEPHONE/IN PERSON

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CRITERIA In the past 14 days have you and/or your child had any:

- recent travel, to countries with suspected on-going spread of coronavirus - list available at: <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/affectedareas/>
- OR**
- recent contact with anyone with COVID-19
- OR**
- recent work or visits to a healthcare facility where patients with COVID-19 were being treated
- OR**
- attendance at a school/other location which has been ordered to close or had restrictions imposed by the HSE

AND

CLINICAL CRITERIA

- Are you and/or your child well or have you any of the following symptoms: raised temperature, shortness of breath or cough, any gastrointestinal upsets.

Clinicians should be alert to the possibility of atypical presentations in patients who are immunocompromised

OUTCOME OF RISK ASSESSMENT	ACTION
Well person, no known contacts or elevated risks	Proceed as planned
Well person, known travel from affected area within the last 14 days	Proceed as planned subject to current www.hpsc.ie guidance
Person identified as 'potential contact' by HSE public health	Defer routine treatment for 14 days If symptomatic (dental), risk assess and manage symptoms
Person identified as 'potential case' through risk assessment <u>but not known to HSE public health</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If risk assessment conducted <u>by telephone</u>, advise patient not to attend and to contact GP by phone. • If risk assessment conducted <u>in person</u>, ask any patient suspected of having COVID-19 to wear a surgical mask. Move them to isolation in a room with a closed door. <p style="color: red; margin: 5px 0;">Contact PUBLIC HEALTH to DISCUSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If symptomatic (dental), risk assess and manage symptoms
Identified case <u>known to HSE public health</u>	Advise the patient not to attend Defer treatment until medically cleared. If symptomatic (dental), risk assess and manage symptoms

Always use Standard Precautions as per the IPC Guideline for HSE Dental and Orthodontic Services available here: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/hcai/resources/dental/>