

Message from the Department of Rural and Community Development

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Tuaithe agus Pobail**
Department of Rural and
Community Development

Update for PPN Members

Dear All

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) is leading our public health response to COVID-19 and a National Action Plan was published on 16th March, setting out a whole-of-society response and mobilisation of resources across Government and society to fight the spread of the virus. This Community Response Action Plan supports the National Action Plan and is focussed on our initial response in supporting a community response to COVID-19.

We have produced a Communications Pack for community and voluntary groups and members of the public and we would appreciate if you distribute this information across your networks, to members of your group, neighbours, friends and recipients of your service. This pack contains:

1. Department of Rural and Community Development - COVID-19 Government Action Plan to Support the Community Response.

[CLICK HERE](#)

2. Information leaflet “You, Your Community and COVID-19” – We would ask that you distribute this across your communities, to individuals and in particular, those that do not have access or knowledge of digital platforms. Maybe include them as part of a meals on wheels drop.

[CLICK HERE](#)

3. How can I volunteer?

[CLICK HERE](#)

4. Sensible volunteering – Do's and Don'ts

[CLICK HERE](#)

5. Advice for local community groups – how can we get volunteers?

[CLICK HERE](#)

6. Advice for vulnerable people who need supports

[CLICK HERE](#)

7. How to guard against fraud and generate trust

[CLICK HERE](#)

We remind you that the HSE website is the key source for health advice: www.hse.ie/coronavirus. It also includes posters and other resources that can be used in your community.

Our email helpdesk facility is available to assist you with advice or queries and is open 7 days a week – C&VSupports@drcd.gov.ie

We thank you for your assistance in spreading these important messages.

Kind regards

The Department of Rural and Community Development
