

## Risk Assessment for Transporting Service Users with Suspected or Confirmed (COVID-19)

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Risk No.	Hazard	Who might be affected and how?	Enter either, or/and 1 - Details of recommended HSE/ Irish Government / HSA / WHO / etc. / General health and safety risk management controls (zoonosis) 2 - What we are currently doing	Evaluate current control measures. Do we need to implement additional controls?			1 - New control measures recommended 2 - Why the recommended control measures are not implemented 3 - General comments	By who	By when
				YES	NO	N/A			
1	Staff member transporting Service Users on journey where there is possible or confirmed case of COVID-19	<p><b>Employees</b></p> <p>Transporting Service Users who have or are suspected to have COVID-19.</p> <p>Risk of passing the virus on to employees, who in turn pass CV-19 onto family members and others they come into contact with.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This is a high risk activity, so is the transporting of the Service User essential? All non-essential transportation of Service Users must be postponed and ONLY undertaken where there is no assistance available from the Emergency Services. <b>Approval from Line Manager must be granted for the transportation of Service Users.</b></li> <li>2. Where transportation is deemed unavoidable, designate one Agency vehicle, if available, to be used for transporting Services Users who have suspected or confirmed cases.</li> <li>3. Avoid, where possible, the use of privately owned vehicles for transporting Service Users with suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. E.g. Use seven seat Taxis/MPV's instead</li> <li>4. Where social distancing requirement cannot be achieved, staff must wear PPE as per Tusla COVID-19 PPE guidance document available on the Tusla website <a href="https://www.tusla.ie/staff/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-tusla-staff/">https://www.tusla.ie/staff/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-tusla-staff/</a></li> <li>5. Request service user to wear surgical mask for the duration of the journey, provide assistance where required with putting on and off.</li> <li>6. Place Service User in back seat, or in a child car seat, as appropriate, where required.</li> <li>7. Air conditioning or ventilation on vehicle must be set to extract and not recirculate the air within the vehicle (where possible).</li> <li>8. Staff must follow and implement the guidance as issued on "COVID – 19 Risk Assessment for Home Visits for Children at risk of Serious Harm e.g. known on the CPNS and Urgent Intake Referrals"</li> <li>9. While transporting a Service User adhere to good driving principles at all times.</li> <li>10. Decontamination vehicle following transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilate the vehicle</li> <li>• Clean all contact surfaces with disposable cloths &amp; detergent &amp; allow to dry</li> <li>• Disinfect the contact surfaces following the manufacturer's instructions and use appropriate PPE</li> <li>• Dispose of disposable cloths/wipes and PPE as per PPE Guidance Note outlined above</li> </ul> </li> </ol>						
2	Staff member becomes ill during, or immediately after, transportation of Service User	Employees and others they come into contact with.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Tusla staff member should return home, and report illness to their line manager.</li> <li>2. The Line Manager and employee should follow the procedure set out in "COVID – 19 Tusla Manager and Staff Update and Guidance ref CMT-AD-006-2020" available on the Tusla website <a href="https://www.tusla.ie/staff/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-tusla-staff/">https://www.tusla.ie/staff/covid-19-information-and-advice-for-tusla-staff/</a></li> </ol>						

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