

## Corona Virus Message from CEO

August 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Dear Resident, Family member and Staff.**

Following the easing of Government restrictions over the past three months, visitors and home leave have been reintroduced for our residents. Residents and family are very happy to be able to see each other again. Residents have now also resumed some activities in the community. The following measures remain in place to prevent and minimise the impact of infection for residents and staff:

- ✓ COVID Steering Group in place
- ✓ COVID Operations Group in place
- ✓ Specific meetings in relation to COVID 19 take place with the Person In Charge of each house
- ✓ Guidance for staff on the identification of symptoms and prevention of the virus has been provided
- ✓ An easy read version about Corona Virus has been provided to all residents
- ✓ HSE Guidance Procedures and processes in relation to prevention and management of COVID infection have been made available to each house.
- ✓ Personal Protective Equipment is available in each house
- ✓ Gloves, masks and sanitizers are readily available in each house
- ✓ Masks are worn by staff in the house when social distancing can not be exercised
- ✓ All residents have been provided with masks and wear masks when they are going out shopping
- ✓ Temperature checks and questions asked of all Visitors attending the house
- ✓ Contingency plan is available and is kept under review

**As you know from media and government sources a concern around the resurgence of the Corona Virus exists and therefore we continue to monitor the situation and to keep it under review. Collectively we can minimise the spread and impact of the virus by taking responsibility and following the key rules:**

- Wash or Sanitise hand for at least 20 seconds on a regular basis
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow
- Discard of the tissue immediately and wash your hands
- Do not touch your face, nose or eyes
- Keep surfaces which you touch frequently washed and clean
- Practice social distancing of 2 meters
- Wear masks in shops, public transport and where social distancing is not possible

We have received tremendous support from our communities who have very kindly and generously donated gifts to our residents. We are very grateful to them for their support.

We will continue to work together to minimise the risk of exposure to COVID -,19 of our residents, our staff, families and communities.

**Yours sincerely**



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**Chief Executive Officer**