



We would like to advise attendees that the ESGE Days 2020 is scheduled to take place, as planned.

COVID-19 is a new illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus. There are a small number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Ireland. They are receiving treatment in hospital and infection prevention measures are in place.

The risk of catching coronavirus in Ireland is still low. This may change, however, most people may continue to go to work, school and other public places, as usual.

Anyone who knows they have been in close contact with a confirmed case in the last 14 days and has symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever) should:

- isolate themselves from other people - this means going into a different, well-ventilated room, with a phone
- phone their GP, or emergency department - if this is not possible, phone [112](tel:112) or [999](tel:999)
- in a medical emergency (if you have severe symptoms) phone [112](tel:112) or [999](tel:999)

Close contact means either:

- face-to-face contact
- spending more than 15 minutes within 2 metres of an infected person
- living in the same house as an infected person

Protect yourself from coronavirus

## Do

- Wash your hands properly and regularly.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough and sneeze.
- Put used tissues into a bin and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- [Follow the travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs.](#)

## **Don't**

Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

## **Wash your hands**

- after coughing or sneezing
- after toilet use
- before eating
- before and after preparing food
- if you are in contact with a sick person, especially those with respiratory symptoms
- if your hands are dirty
- if you have handled animals or animal waste

For more information on the Coronavirus in Ireland, you can visit <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html> and specific details for those from affected areas please visit <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/advice-for-people-returning-from-affected-areas.html>

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