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## Illness Benefit for COVID-19 absences

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Country	Ireland, applies nationwide
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Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Income protection beyond short-time work – Paid sick leave
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### Background Information

When a worker is told to self-isolate by a doctor or the HSE due to being a possible source of infection or has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by a doctor, they can apply for an enhanced Illness Benefit payment of €350 per week.

The personal rate for this payment is €350, as compared with the normal Illness Benefit rate of €203. It was originally set at a rate of €305 but it was increased by Government on March 24.

To be eligible for this payment a person must be confined to their home or a medical facility.

### Content of measure

To receive the enhanced payment, you must be:

self-isolating on the instruction of a doctor or the HSE due to being a possible source of infection or diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus)  
and

absent from work and confined to your home or a medical facility

Rate of payment

The personal rate for this payment is €350, as compared with the normal Illness Benefit rate of €203. It was

originally set at a rate of €305 but it was increased by Government on March 24.

It will be paid for a maximum of 2 weeks where a person is self-isolating due to being a possible source of infection, and for a maximum of 10 weeks if a person has been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If a person has been certified for less than 10 weeks, they will be paid for the duration of their certificate.

## Use of measure

No information

## Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government	Employees	National funds

## Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Not applicable

No involvement.

## Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

## Sources

- 25 April 2020: Gov.ie ([www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie))