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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 support to workers and those laid off – 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)