

# COVID-19 Contact Management Programme (CMP) Caller Scripts





# **Version History**

Version	Date	Version Comments
V1.0	19/03/2020	Initial release
V2.0	20/03/2020	Creation of scripts without user guide references
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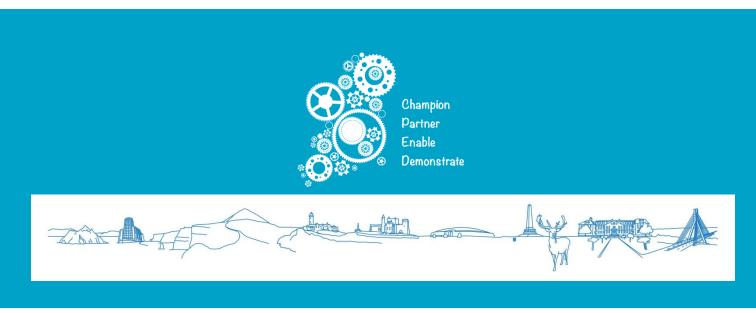
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# **Overview** This document contains scripts for Call 1, Call 2, and Call 3. Additionally, the contact tracing capture form is included for reference.



# **COVID-19 Contact Management Programme (CMP)**

**Call Script for Call 1 - Clinical Case Interview Isolating at Home** 



Step		Script and Guidance	
Introduce	1.	Hello, my name is XXX and I am calling on behalf of Public Health in the HSE.	
Yourself &	2.	Can I ask who am I speaking to? If someone else answers the phone, please ask to speak to the contact.	
Confirm Identity		If the person is not proficient in English – ask is there someone who they would like included in the conversation. Check if they have a designated contact they would like you to speak to.	
Details		⇒ <u>If YES:</u> enter a note containing name, number and relationship under timeline and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section	
		⇒ If NO: proceed with the call	
	3.	Can I confirm your date of birth? This is to verify their identity.	
		⇒ If the person is under 16 (before Today's date 2004) ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian	
		⇒ If they are not with their guardian, get a parent / guardian's name and phone number in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section	
		⇒ If they are with a guardian, ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian	
	4.	Is this a good time to speak? Try to encourage the person to proceed with call, and only defer in exceptional circumstances  □ If YES: proceed with call □ If NO: A colleague of mine will call you back	
	*N	B: Make a judgement on clinical condition of the person; whether the person is well enough and able to speak.	
		⇒ If not well enough, ask for the name and number of a close family member that you can phone and enter details in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section	
Inform Positive	1.	You were recently tested for Covid19 and I am calling to tell you that the results of your test has come back as positive which means you have COVID-19. I am sorry to have to give you this news.	
Patient	2. How are you feeling today? Check if symptomatic. If the person is feeling unwell please advise them to contact the GP. If they are acutely unwell please advise them to call the emergency services.		
	Pa	ause to let diagnosis sink in. You may need to reiterate where you are calling from and your name.	
Identify	Ca	n I check if you are a healthcare worker?	
Healthcare Workers		<ul> <li>➡ If <u>YES</u>: Ask them to inform their occupational health department and line manager of the result, and continue with the call</li> <li>➡ If <u>NO</u>: continue with call</li> </ul>	

Step	Script and Guidance
Check for	1. When did you first start feeling unwell? Identify and note date of first symptoms – fever, cough, shortness of breath
Symptoms	2. Are you still experiencing fever, cough, and shortness of breath? Capture date of last symptoms if no longer symptomatic
Check if	1. Can I ask what information and advice you have been given on how to self-isolate?
Still Self- Isolating	Refer to Patient Sheet on Self-Isolation at Home. Stress the impact of breaching self-isolation on family members. If self-isolation is breached, family members have to re-start their period of restricted movement / self-quarantine from the day of the breach. Check their understanding.
	2. You will need to continue to self-isolate until XX date.
	3. If on that day you have been fever free for 5 days, you can cease self-isolation. If not, wait 5 days until you last had fever.
	Self-isolation can finish when 14 days since symptoms began <u>and</u> 5 days fever free.
Inform about	1. It is really important that we identify the people you have been in close contact with since you felt unwell so that we can contact them and tell them what they need to do to prevent further spread of the virus.
Contact Tracing	<ul> <li>Close Contacts are anyone you had face to face contact with for <u>longer</u> than 15 minutes in any setting (less than 2 meters or six and half feet contact); or anyone you shared a closed space with for <u>longer</u> than 2 hours (This may include office/ school setting /transport).</li> </ul>
	If asked about casual contacts:
	<ul> <li>We do not need information on your casual contacts but these are anyone you have shared a close space with for <u>less</u> than two hours, anyone you have had face to face contact with for <u>less</u> than 15 minutes in any setting.</li> </ul>
	2. Over the next few hours, could you please write down a list of anyone you have had close contact with since you first had symptoms. You will receive a call later today and someone will go through this list.
	Have you got a pen to take down the details we will need about each close contact:  Name
	Phone Number
	Date of contact     Type of contact (close only)
	Any places you have been and don't know the name of the others there
	Whether you know if any of your close contacts work in healthcare
	3. Start your list with those you live with and any visitors you have had in your house since you first felt unwell. Then think about where you have been and anyone else you came into close contact with from the first day you had symptoms.
Give	1. I am going to give you some information and advice.

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Step	Script and Guidance
Health Advice	<ol> <li>If you start to feel very unwell but it is not an emergency call your regular doctor / GP or HSE live.</li> <li>If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, call 112 or 999 and remember to tell the ambulance service that you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus.</li> </ol>
Summarise & Finish Call	<ol> <li>Again, I am very sorry to have had to deliver the news that you have the COVID-19 virus. Thank you for taking the time to speak to me.</li> <li>Information can be found on the HSE website. Enter "HSE Self Isolation" in your search engine or visit: https://www2.hse.ie/</li> <li>Is there anything in particular that you would like me to go back over now?</li> </ol>



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### **Call script for Call 2 - Contact Identification**





Step		Script and Guidance
Introduce	1.	Hello, my name is XXX and I am calling on behalf of Public Health in the HSE.
Yourself & Confirm	2.	Can I ask who am I speaking to? If someone else answers the phone, please ask to speak to the contact.
Identity Details		If the person is not proficient in English – ask is there someone who they would like included in the conversation. Check if they have a designated contact they would like you to speak to.
		⇒ <u>If YES:</u> enter a note containing name, number and relationship under timeline and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section
		⇒ If NO: proceed with the call
	3.	Can I confirm your date of birth? This is to verify their identity.
		⇒ If the person is under 16 (before Today's date 2004) ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian
		⇒ If they are not with their guardian, get a parent / guardian's name and phone number in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section
		⇒ If they are with a guardian, ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian
	4.	Is this a good time to speak? Try to encourage the person to proceed with call, and only defer in exceptional circumstances  ⇒ If YES: proceed with call  ⇒ If NO: A colleague of mine will call you back
	*N	B: Make a judgement on clinical condition of the person; whether the person is well enough and able to speak.
		⇒ If not not well enough, ask for the name and number of a close family member that you can phone and enter details in notes and add the additional phone <u>number</u> under "phone" within the patient details section
Purpose of the Call	1	Were you contacted about your Covid19 test result?  ⇒ If NO: I am going to have a colleague call you back with your result. Enter a note under timeline and refer to the CT Support Lead.  ⇒ If YES: If they say yes proceed to next question.
	2	<ul> <li>What was the result?</li> <li>□ If they don't know the result or say or that the result was negative say I will have a colleague call you back. Enter a note under timeline and refer to the CT Support Lead.</li> <li>□ If they know the result was positive continue with the call</li> </ul>
	3 4	I hope you are doing ok? In the previous call you received, my colleague told you that I would be calling you to go through the list of anyone you have been in close contact with since you first felt unwell.
	5	What day/ date did you first feel unwell; the first day you had a cough, a fever or shortness of breath? Ensure contact is captured from the first day of symptoms.

Step		Script	and Guidance				
Identify	1. I would like t	o go through your list of your close contacts since	day/date (the first day you felt un	well) now.			
Contacts and Risk Assess	<ul> <li>Close Contacts are anyone you had face to face contact with for longer than 15 minutes in any setting (less than 2 meters or six and half feet contact); or anyone you shared a closed space with for longer than 2 hours (This may include office/ school setting /transport).</li> </ul>						
	If asked about casual contacts:						
	We do not need information on your casual contacts but these are anyone you have shared a close space with for <u>less</u> than two hours, anyone you have had face to face contact with for <u>less</u> than 15 minutes in any setting.						
	Let's start with those you live with.						
	Fill out the Contact Tracing Form with the following information:						
	For each person 16 years of age or older get contact details for them directly.  For persons under 16 ask for contact details of their parent or guardian and enter date of birth or estimated date of birth (Today's Date  • What is the first person's name on your list?  • What is the best phone number to contact the person on?  If the person does not know the name or number of the contact but can provide an associated contact that can provide these details. I of the associated contact in the last field of known contact. Is there someone else we could contact to get their name and number (b) Confirm Type of Contact:  Identify whether they are a close contact, exceptional or complex contact						
	Contact Type	Description	Prompt Questions	Additional Information Required			
	Close Contact	Face to face contact for longer than 15 minutes in any setting (less than 2 meters or six and half feet contact); or  Shared a closed space for longer than 2 hours	Have you spent more than 15 minutes in close contact with this person?  Have you spent more than 2				
		(This may include office/ school setting /transport).	hours in a closed space with this person?				
	Exceptional Contact	Healthcare workers	Do you know if they work in healthcare?	Record healthcare facility name, line manager name, and phone number in circumstances			

Complex Contact	A Group of unidentified people e.g. cinema, flight, train, co-workers in a factory or business, nursing home resident / other social care resident, prison, direct provision centre, ICU admitted cases,	What is their job title or role?  Could you describe the situation or place you were?	Record important contact information to allow public health to trace. You can
	train, co-workers in a factory or business, nursing home resident / other social care resident, prison,	•	·
	refusal to disclose information of contacts.	Where was it?	<ul> <li>input this in 'name', 'email' and 'circumstances' fields:</li> <li>flight no, destination, date</li> <li>cinema name and address, movie, time and date</li> <li>address of factory, name of manager and phone no etc.</li> </ul>
(d) Record Se Where did you Note the setting Record name of Household Work Social Travel Healthcare se	titing of Exposure:  have contact with this person?  under the "circumstances" field.  location if high risk (such as nursing home or hospital)		ontact.
<ul> <li>Did any</li> </ul>	es in the house with you? family, neighbours or friends visit since *DATE*? ou had any other help in your house; home helper, nanr	ny, cleaners, builders etc since *DA1	E*?

Step	Script and Guidance
-	If yes, where do you work?
	Have you shared a work space since *DATE*?
	School or College:
	Have you attended School /college since *DATE*?
	If yes, what is the name of the school of college?
	If yes, what class/year/ course are you in?
	Other Regular Place of Attendance:
	<ul> <li>Is there another place you attend on a regular basis, and been there since *DATE* e.g. a community centre, health facility?</li> </ul>
Run through	I would like to talk you through the last X days, so we can talk through where you have been and who you have spent time with to make sure there isn't anyone else we need to contact.
days since	The first day you said you had symptoms was *DATE*, can we talk through that day?
symptoms to identify	Start with the first day they felt unwell – cough, fever or shortness of breath/difficulty breathing until they entered self-isolation. Please do this piece slowly and methodically
additional contacts	Prompts to support identification of additional contacts
	<ul> <li>Travel</li> <li>When you left the house did you take public transport, drive, walk or cycle?</li> <li>If public transport – how long is your commute?</li> </ul>
	Work / School / College
	Did you go to work/school/college?
	Who was in your office that day? Who was sitting nearby?
	Did you have any face-to-face meetings or seminars? Who else was at each meeting? How long were the meetings? Who did you sit beside?
	Lunch / Dinner
	Where did you have coffee/tea, lunch or dinner that day? Who were you with?
	Sport and Recreation
	Did you go to the gym, exercise class, go to training or play a match etc. that day? Where was it?
	Did you go with or meet anyone there? Have you a trainer, or who is on your team?
	Shopping
	Did you go shopping on that day? Where did you go?
	How long were you there for?  Did you so with anyone or most anyone?
	Did you go with anyone or meet anyone?

Step	Script and Guidance	
	<ul> <li>Leisure / Community Participation</li> <li>Did you visit any church, social clubs, pubs, cafes, libraries, galleries or museums that day? Where did you go?</li> <li>How long were you there for?</li> <li>Did you go with anyone or meet anyone?</li> <li>Social Contacts</li> <li>Did you visit or meet any friends, family or neighbour that day? Where did you go?</li> <li>Who was there?</li> <li>How long were you there for?</li> </ul>	
Give Health Advice	You should continue to follow the advice you have been given to self-isolate yourself at home. It is really important to continue:  Regular hand washing is very important Try to avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes Cover your mouth and nose with a clean tissue when coughing and sneezing or cough into the bend of your elbow Dispose of used tissues in a bin with a lid on it and wash your hands afterwards  If you start to feel very unwell but it is not an emergency call your regular doctor / GP. If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, call 112 or 999 and remember to tell the ambulance service that you have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus.	
Summarise & Finish Call	Thank you for taking the time to speak to me and providing so much information.  All the information that I have given you is available on the HSE website. Enter "HSE Self Isolation" in your search engine or visit: https://www2.hse.ie/	
	Is there anything in particular that you would like me to go back over now?	



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## **Call Script for Call 3 Contacting Close Contacts**



Step		Script and Guidance
Introduce	1.	Hello, my name is XXX and I am calling on behalf of the HSE.
Yourself & Identify Caller	2.	Can I ask who am I speaking to? If someone else answers the phone, please ask to speak to the contact.  If the person is not proficient in English – ask is there someone who they would like included in the conversation. Check if they have a designated contact they would like you to speak to.
		⇒ <u>If YES:</u> enter a note containing name, number and relationship under timeline and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section
		⇒ If NO: proceed with the call
	3.	Can I confirm your date of birth? This is to verify their identity.  ⇒ If the person is under 16 (before Today's date 2004) ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian
		⇒ If they are not with their guardian, get a parent / guardian's name and phone number in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section
		⇒ If they are with a guardian, ask to speak with a parent or legal guardian
	4.	Is this a good time to speak? Try to encourage the person to proceed with call, and only defer in exceptional circumstances  ⇒ If YES: proceed with call  ⇒ If NO: A colleague of mine will call you back
	*N	3: Make a judgement on clinical condition of the person; whether the person is well enough and able to speak.
		<ul> <li>⇒ If not not well enough, ask for the name and number of a close family member that you can phone and enter details in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section</li> <li>⇒ If NO: A colleague of mine will call you back.</li> </ul>
	Ма	ke a judgement on clinical condition of the person; whether the person is well enough and able to speak.
		⇒ If not, ask for the name and number of a close family member that you can phone and enter details in notes and add the additional phone number under "phone" within the patient details section.

Step	Script and Guidance
Purpose of the Call	1. I am calling you because you have been identified as having close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus. You were last in contact with this person on the *DATE*. Pause at this point to allow information to sink in.
	Please don't be worried, this is a standard call that we make to those who have had close contact with a person who has COVID-19. This call should only take a short time.
	* If asked about the identity of the patient they had close contact with explain confidentiality: I cannot tell you who the person who has COVID 19 is but this does not impact the information I am giving you. I can tell you is that this contact was on *DATE*
Identify Healthcare	Can I ask, do you work in a healthcare setting?
Workers	⇒ If YES: Please contact your line manager and occupational health department and tell them, you have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case. I am going to refer to you a colleague of mine, who will call you back for further advice.
	Continue the call. Record the name of the healthcare facility they work in, the name and contact details of their line manager.
	⇒ <u>If <b>NO:</b></u> continue with call.
Identify	Can I check with you if you have any of the following symptoms?
Symptoms	<ul> <li>Fever or high temperature (Fever/ High Temperature is above 38 C / 100.4 F) or are feeling feverish or have chills)</li> <li>Yes/No</li> </ul>
	2. A cough  ○ Yes/No
	3. Shortness of breath or difficulty with breathing
	⇒ If YES to any of the above 3 symptoms:
	Can you please give me your Eircode? You will be contacted to arrange testing.
	For the moment, let's continue with the call.  o If person is symptomatic - reports having any of the symptoms, select "Telephone Assessment"
	If person is symptomatic - reports having any of the symptoms, select "Telephone Assessment"
	⇒ If NO: That's great news.

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Step	Script and Guidance					
Give	I am going to give you some information and advice which is available on the HSE website.					
Health	(a) If the person has symptoms:					
Advice	Refer to Patient Sheet on Self-Isolation at Home. Stress the impact of breaching self-isolation on family members. If self-isolation is breached, family members have to re-start their period of restricted movement / self-quarantine from the day of the breach. Check their understanding.					
	(b) If they do not have any symptoms:					
	⇒ Give following advice on restricting movements/ quarantining:					
	1. Because you have had close contact with a person who has COVID 19. We need you to restrict your movements also known as self-quarantine at home for 14 days since the last date of contact with the person who has COVID-19 which was on *DATE*. Restricted movements / self-quarantine will end on *DATE*.					
	2. Because you are a close contact this advice is for you and not for other people that you are in contact with such as those you live with.					
	<ul> <li>3. Restricted movements / self-quarantine means you should limit your social interactions outside the home.</li> <li>You should not go to work</li> <li>You should not travel on public transport</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>You should not visit other people's home or have visitors to your home.</li> <li>You can continue normal interaction with family or others that you live with.</li> <li>Other people in your house do not need to restrict their activities.</li> </ul>					
	You can still go out for walks/runs/or cycles on your own as long as you keep a distance from people.					
	<ul> <li>We need you to monitor yourself for 14 days since the last date of contact with the person who has COVID-19 which was on *DATE* for any of these symptoms:</li> <li>Fever</li> </ul>					
	Cough     Shortness of Breath					
	5. If you develop any of the above three symptoms, please isolate yourself on your own in a room at home, and phone GP or HSE Live. 1850 24 1850					
	<ul> <li>6. I want to give you some tips that will really help to prevent the spread of the virus.</li> <li>Regular hand washing is very important</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Try to avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes.</li> <li>Cover your mouth and nose with a clean tissue when coughing and sneezing or cough into the bend of your elbow.</li> <li>Dispose of used tissues in a bin with a lid on it and wash your hands afterwards.</li> </ul>					
Summarise	Thank you so much for taking the time to talk to me.					
& Finish Call	If you start to feel very unwell but it is not an emergency call your GP. If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, call 112 or 99 and remember to tell them you have been in close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with Covid 19/coronavirus.					
i iiiisii Cali	All the information that I have given you is available on the HSE website. Enter "HSE Self Quarantine" in your search engine or visit:					

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#### Call Script for Call 3 – Contacting Close Contacts

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	Is there anything in particular that you would like me to go back over now?				

# **Contact Tracing Capture Form**

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Given Name*				
Family Name*				
Gender				
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Phone Number*				
Phone				
Number Alternative				
Date of birth				
Date of birth				
estimated				
(Y/N)				
Contact Type*	Close	Close	Close	Close
	Casual	Casual	Casual	Casual
	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional	Exceptional
	Complex	Complex	Complex	Complex
Circumstances				
Date of last				
contact				
occurred				

Associated Contacts

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