

### **Update: Coronavirus Covid-19**

- In Cork Education and Training Board, we are following the unfolding situation surrounding the COVID-19 virus on a national and international basis. As of today, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the risk of catching COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Ireland is classified as low to moderate.
- We are taking HSE and Government guidance on business operations, personal care and travel.
- Executive and Senior Management teams across all service areas continue to meet regularly to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and prepare our community to minimise any potential disruption.
- Cork ETB is fully operational at present and we continue to rely on every individual to take personal responsibility for their own health and that of our wider community. We strongly endorse preventative measures, which are extensively published by the HSE.
- We understand that many members of our community are anxious about the spread of the virus, however our advice is that all Colleges and Centres of provision are open and fully operational with no changes to class schedules at present.
- Any individual who feels ill should avoid contact with others and take preventative measures in line with normal practices when people develop a cold or flu. In cases where an individual has travelled in the last 14 days to / from one of the countries listed on the HSE website, the individual is to contact the HSE / relevant health professional whose advice is to be followed.
- In all advice to date there is an emphasis on personal responsibility to arrest the spread of the virus. The advice, which is HSE & Department of Foreign Affairs advice, has been well publicised over the last few weeks should be closely heeded. (<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>)