

Advise sheet for Podiatrists working during Covid 19.

Please use in conjunction with the Covid 19 algorithm for Podiatrists when risk assessing for possible urgent treatment and refer to www.hse.ie and www.hscp.ie for State guidelines.

If treatment is deemed absolutely necessary:

Call the Service user 24 hours prior to appointment to ascertain

(1) If they have any symptoms at all. (Fever, cough, Shortness of breath)

(2) If they have been in contact with any suspected or confirmed cases of Covid 19.

On arrival, Service users are asked to text or phone the clinic to announce their arrival and stay in their car until called.

Once the service user is called to the clinic but prior to entering, they are requested to wash hands or use hand sanitiser.

If available, Consider Checking temperature.

If temperature is normal and hands are sanitised, service user can enter clinic for treatment. If temperature is not normal, ask service user to self -isolate and reschedule appointment.

Ensure you are following HSE infection control guidelines and have the appropriate personal protective equipment. Guidelines are available on the HSE website and the HSCP website in detail.