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Dear Business Operator

## Covid-19 cases increasing in large employer and hospitality premises

We are asking our larger employers and hospitality premises to encourage staff to be alert to the symptoms of Covid-19. The arrival of the more contagious Omicron variant into our area is an increased threat to the wellbeing of our communities. We are therefore appealing to you to ask your staff to get an NHS PCR test as soon as possible if they develop symptoms.

The three most common symptoms of Covid-19 are a fever, a new continuous cough, or a loss/change of taste and smell. However, we recommend that staff also get tested if they develop any of a wider range of symptoms that may be new or unusual for them. These might include fatigue, muscle ache or pain, a sore throat, a headache, a runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea.

Coronavirus continues to present challenges to our society, and we hope that by a threeprong approach of vaccination, testing and a good set of workplace risk assessments we can limit the impact of the virus this winter. To that end we would confirm that:

- Vaccination offers the best protection against COVID-19. We request that you encourage all staff to receive their booster vaccine when called. If for whatever reason, staff have not yet had a first dose of the vaccine they can attend one of our walk-in sessions at Bayside Mass Vaccination Centre (MVC) and Holm View Leisure Centre, Barry 8:30am - 7:30pm, Monday to Sunday.
- Tests can be booked online at https://gov.wales/getting-tested-coronaviruscovid-19 or by calling 119.
- Covid Risk Assessments can be assessed and discussed with officers from the Shared Regulatory Service by calling 0300 1236696 or through www.srs.wales

Yours sincerely

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