

# Illness benefit for COVID-19



If you are an employee or are self-employed and cannot work due to COVID-19, you can apply for an Illness Benefit Payment of €350 per week.

## Do I qualify?

You must be self-isolating on the instruction of a doctor or medical professional

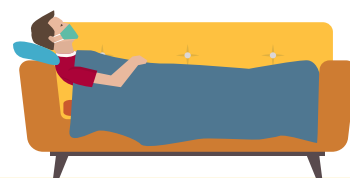
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Have been diagnosed with COVID-19

AND

- Must be confined to home / medical facility
- Must be absent from work and not getting paid

You may apply for an **Illness Benefit Payment**



## How to apply

Contact your doctor by telephone.

If the doctor is satisfied that you have COVID-19 or that you should self-isolate, they will advise you accordingly.

**The doctor** will then complete a medical certificate and send it directly to the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

Your doctor will need your:

- Name
- PPS Number
- Date of Birth

Apply online at [www.mywelfare.ie](http://www.mywelfare.ie)

OR

Request the **Illness Benefit Application Form (IB 1)** by calling **1890 800 024 / 01 248 2398** or emailing [forms@welfare.ie](mailto:forms@welfare.ie)



*If not applying online*, send your application form by FREEPOST to:

**Dept. of Employment Affairs  
and Social Protection  
FREEPOST  
P.O. Box 1650  
Dublin 1**

Once both the application form and the medical certificate from your doctor are received, your payment will be processed.

Remain in contact with your doctor about the length of time you are medically certified unfit for work because of COVID-19.

Advice from the HSE via the Irish Cancer Society  
[www.cancer.ie/coronavirus](http://www.cancer.ie/coronavirus)

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If you have any questions,  
**Freephone 1800 200 700** for  
our Cancer Nurseline or email  
[cancernurseline@irishcancer.ie](mailto:cancernurseline@irishcancer.ie)

