Changes to COVID-19 Special Leave with Pay with effect from 22nd May 2023.   From 22nd May 2023, where an employee begins to display COVID-19 symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, a maximum limit of 5 consecutive days Special Leave with Pay (includes weekends/school closures), in any one instance,,

Where the employee is medically unfit for work after the 5 consecutive days, the terms and conditions of the Sick Leave Scheme will apply,

Employees must submit the enclosed declaration form and log onto  [https://antigentesting.hse.ie/](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fantigentesting.hse.ie%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cpennydunne%40ddletb.ie%7Cfee336f2518e42466b2308dba86e4447%7C3ed6c8f54c1644ad9eed60f851834a84%7C1%7C0%7C638288963782537426%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=3bHQA80EEHP3X8yXpglX%2FeD1WyL%2FU9LkzujipIftJKY%3D&reserved=0) to register their positive antigen test. The HSE will send a text which must be submitted along with your declaration.

If the declaration and HSE text message are not submitted when the employees returns from Special Leave with Pay then the absence will be recorded as “Certified Sick Leave”.