

Re: The importance of access to sanitary facilities for transport workers.

Transport workers are critical in ensuring the continuity of supply chains in Ireland; protecting the health of supply chain workers is key in maintaining the flow of essential goods into and out of Ireland.

The HSE's public health advice is very clear to all workers and citizens; following [good hygiene and hand washing practices](#) is essential in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Transport workers are designated as essential workers under recent restrictions, and the HSE has reiterated that **washing hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds is a requirement to stop the spread of infection, and access is needed to available sanitary facilities to allow for this.** See [HSE hand hygiene guidance](#).

Where possible, please facilitate all transport workers by continuing to provide access to toilet and hand washing facilities. This simple measure will help maintain the healthy workforce required to keep supply chains moving in Ireland.

For all up-to-date information regarding coronavirus (COVID-19) please see <https://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/>. Guidance on how to help protect supply chain workers in carrying out their essential work is also available [here](#).



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