



**MUNSTER**  
**BOVINE**

AI Technician Customer COVID19  
Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

---

*October 2020*

*Version 1.0*

## 1 Document Revisions

Date	Version Number	Document Changes	Author
16/03/20	1.0	Initial Draft	Denise Murphy
07/10/20	1.1	Updated face coverings	Denise Murphy

## 2 Approvals

Role	Name	Signature	Date
CEO	Kevin Coffey		
Head of Technical	Doreen Corridan		
Commercial Manager	Anthony Cronin		
HR Officer	Denise Murphy		

### 3 Scope

As a precautionary measure as part of the national effort to minimise the spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) and to protect both herdowners and Munster Bovine staff the following protocols are been implemented for the AI Technician service.

**Our AI service will continue as normal operating under the HSE guidelines.**

### 4 Social Interactions

Munster Bovines Protocol is to avoid where possible and practical any personal contact between the technician and herdowners. If the herdowner's presence is required while the technician is on farm keep a minimum distance of 2 meters at all times and wear a face covering.

### 5 On Farm

- 5.1 Maximise usage of the mobile phone to avoid personal contact between you and your AI technician.
- 5.2 Have a clean crush available and disinfect the bars of the crush daily.
- 5.3 Have hand washing facilities available for the technician, clean water, soap and paper towels – no cloth towels. A bucket of water will suffice.
- 5.4 Please provide a fresh footbath for the AI technician.
- 5.5 Have a designated area for instruction as to what cows are to be inseminated and with what sires ensuring no personal contact.
- 5.6 Provide a bag or bin for all the disposables- gloves, sheaths and straws
- 5.7 Please inform your local area manager if you are restricting movements, self-isolating, awaiting a test/ medical advice or test positive for Covid 19 immediately, see Appendix 1

## Appendix 1:- HSE Coronavirus Facts

# Coronavirus COVID-19



Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
Public Health  
Advice

**If you have fever and/or cough  
you should stay at home  
regardless of your travel or  
contact history.**

**All people are advised to:**

- > **Reduce** social interactions
- > **Keep a distance** of 2m between you and other people
- > **Do not** shake hands or make close contact where possible

If you have symptoms visit [hse.ie](http://hse.ie) **OR** phone HSE Live 1850 24 1850

## How to Prevent



**Stop**  
shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people



**Distance**  
yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



**Wash**  
your hands well and often to avoid contamination



**Cover**  
your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue



**Avoid**  
touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



**Clean**  
and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

## Symptoms

- > Fever (High Temperature)
- > A Cough
- > Shortness of Breath
- > Breathing Difficulties

## For Daily Updates Visit

[www.gov.ie/health-covid-19](http://www.gov.ie/health-covid-19)  
[www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

Appendix 2 – How do use Face Coverings

# How to use Face Coverings



**Coronavirus COVID-19**  
Public Health Advice

**ALWAYS CLEAN YOUR HANDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEARING A FACE COVERING**

### Correct Covering

**Medical masks should be reserved for health workers or patients in treatment.**  
If you have been advised to wear a medical mask, always have the coloured side showing and the metal band at the top of your nose.



### Check Your Fit

Check that the face covering is made from a fabric that you are comfortable wearing.

Check that it is easy to fit and completely covers your nose and mouth, all the way down under your chin.

Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps. If there are strings, be them high on top of the head to get a good fit. Do not touch or fidget with the face covering when it is on.



**DO NOT:**  
Wear the face covering below your nose.



**DO NOT:**  
Leave your chin exposed.



**DO NOT:**  
Wear it loosely with gaps on the sides.



**DO NOT:**  
Wear it so it covers just the tip of your nose.



**DO NOT:**  
Push it under your chin to rest on your neck.



**FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO STAY SAFE:**

**ALWAYS** wash your hands before and after handling your face covering.

**ALWAYS** change your face covering if it is dirty, wet or damaged.

Carry unused face coverings in a sealable clean waterproof bag, for example, a ziplock.

Carry a second similar type bag, to put used face coverings in.

**CHILDREN UNDER 13** should not wear face coverings.

**ALWAYS** wash cloth face coverings on the highest temperature for cloth.

### Safe Removal



Use the ties or ear loops to take the face covering off.  
Do not touch the front when you take it off.

### Disposing Of Single-Use Mask



Always dispose of single-use masks properly in a bin.  
Don't forget to clean your hands and keep social distance.

**Stay safe. Protect each other.**





Eolas na hÉireann  
Government of Ireland