

## Minister Murphy Announces the Establishment of Community Support Fora in Each Local Authority



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In light of the further COVID-19 measure announced by An Taoiseach, particularly around cocooning requirements for certain vulnerable members of the community, Minister Murphy, wrote to all local authority chief executives last night, requesting that they immediately operationalise the Framework for Local Authority Community Support and put the helplines and support structures in place over the weekend.

Each Local Authority Community Response Forum will meet in every local authority area to coordinate and ramp up work to help ensure all vulnerable members of our communities affected by these new arrangements are appropriately supported.

Chaired and coordinated by each local authority chief executive the Forum will consist of the HSE, the council, county champions, An Post, Community Welfare Service, An Garda Síochána, other State organisations, charities and other stakeholders. It will lead the co-ordination of COVID-19 community supports and resilience in each area.

If a vulnerable person needs to make contact immediately, they can contact 0818 222024.

### Services

It will provide the following services:

- Collection & Delivery – Food, essential household items, fuel, medication in line with guidance
- Transport to Community testing centres Clinical Assessment Hubs GP and hospital appointments
- Social Isolation, supports, engagement
- Meals and their delivery
- Garda-related
- Other medical/health needs

There will be a community support helpline/call centre operating from early morning to late evening, 7 days per week, in every local authority. It will be cross-referenced by the Alone National Helpline.

A full end to end service delivery process will ensure clients are identified and supported consistently in every area.

There will follow detailed communications through the Local Government Management Agency/City and County Management Association nationally and from each local authority through its own channels and local media.

<b>Directory of Services</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Cancer Support	Irish Cancer Society Nurseline	1800 200 700
Financial Support	Age Action Hardship Fund	01 475 6989
Financial Support	Irish Red Cross Hardship Fund	01 6424600
Medical Support	HSE Liveline	1850241850
Local Practical support	Carlow County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 814 300
Local Practical support	Cavan County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 300 404
Local Practical support	Clare County Council Community Response Helpline	1890 252943
Local Practical support	Cork City Council Community Response Helpline	1800 222 226
Local Practical support	Cork County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 805 819
Local Practical support	Donegal County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 928 982
Local Practical support	Dublin City Council Community Response Helpline	01 2228555
Local Practical support	Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Community Response Helpline	01 2713199
Local Practical support	Fingal County Council Community Response Helpline	01 890 5000
Local Practical support	Galway City Council Community Response Helpline	1800 400 150
Local Practical support	Galway County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 92 8 894
Local Practical support	Kerry County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 807 009
Local Practical support	Kildare County Council Community Response Helpline	045 980 202
Local Practical support	Kilkenny County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 500000
Local Practical support	Laois County Council Community Response Helpline	1799 832 010
Local Practical support	Leitrim County Council Community Response Helpline	071 9650473
Local Practical support	Limerick Local Authorities Community Response Helpline	1800 832 005
Local Practical support	Longford County Council Community Response Helpline	043 3344255
Local Practical support	Louth County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 805 817
Local Practical support	Mayo County Council Community Response Helpline	094 9064660

Local Practical support	Meath County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 808 809
Local Practical support	Monaghan County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 804 158
Local Practical support	Offaly County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 81 81 81
Local Practical support	Roscommon County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 200 727
Local Practical support	Sligo County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 292 765
Local Practical support	South Dublin County Council Community Response Helpline	01 4149043
Local Practical support	Tipperary County Council Community Response Helpline	0761 06 5000
Local Practical support	Waterford City and County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 250 185
Local Practical support	Westmeath County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 805 816
Local Practical support	Wexford County Council Community Response Helpline	053 919 6000
Local Practical support	Wicklow County Council Community Response Helpline	1800 868 399