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**PQ 34685/24: To ask the Minister for Health to outline the policy of the HSE in relation to an employee who has been potentially exposed to measles; if they are required to take time off; and if that time is taken as sick days or as annual leave. - Paul Murphy**

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response. Public Health have confirmed that close contacts of those with measles, who are unvaccinated or whose vaccination status cannot be confirmed, are advised to stay at home for up to 21 days.

Any public health service employees affected should be facilitated to work from home for the relevant period. Staff who are facilitated to work from home in these circumstances will receive basic pay plus fixed allowances. They will not be entitled to unsocial hours premium payments as they are not required to work the hours that attract these payments while working from home.

Staff who have contracted measles are not fit for work and may avail of the normal sick leave arrangements.

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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