

TESTING TIMES AHEAD DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

A range of new testing initiatives that will include Covid-19 risk management and hygiene training has been launched by Complete Laboratory Solutions – Ireland’s largest privately-owned contract laboratory – to support the safe reopening of business during the pandemic.



Focused on meeting industry standards, compliance and regulations, the services and training programmes offered by Complete Laboratory Solutions (CLS) will include a Reboot Test Programme for Hospitality, a Workplace Hygiene Programme and Workplace Covid-19 Risk Management and Hygiene Training.

The company has also invested in leading technology to perform Covid-19 testing on behalf of their clients and are currently developing methods to test for the presence of Covid-19 on surfaces and buildings.

Evelyn O’Toole, Founder and CEO of CLS, (pictured below) said: “Thousands of companies are currently looking at adapting the way they work in line with Covid-19 safety guidelines as the country focuses on a controlled lifting of restrictions.”

She said their new initiatives have been developed to support various industry sectors as they get back up and running in a safe and compliant manner. “The programmes provide the necessary measures to assess standards, ensuring the highest hygiene levels are achieved.

“Our testing also supports businesses to implement the ‘new future’ of hygiene expectations as we adapt to the pandemic; our team of highly trained analysts and sampling professionals also offer technical support and interpretation of results as well as corrective actions. “All our data is scientifically based with the results



providing companies with the necessary information to implement the right actions for their business as they move

forward with Covid-19 safety measurements in place.”

TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The following programmes aim to support businesses in protecting the wellbeing of both employees and customers, whilst raising hygiene standards across industry sectors:

***Reboot Test Programme for Hospitality** covers minimal microbiology test requirements to support the hospitality sector as it reopens for business. Focused on compliance with EC 2073/2005, the programme provides testing on key areas such as kitchen and food preparation facilities, guest areas such as foyers and door handles, personnel hygiene swabs to ensure adequate hand washing and Legionella samples of showers and water tanks. The programme is suitable for hotels, on-the-go food services, independent restaurants, food production facilities, supermarket delis, cafes and hospital canteens.

***Workplace Hygiene Programme (WHP)** provides organisations with a baseline of their current standard of workplace hygiene in compliance with The Safety, Health & Welfare at Work (Biological Agents) 2013 Regulations. The programme was developed to assist companies in improving the health and safety of staff while lowering the rate of cross infection and absenteeism in the workplace. The WHP is suitable for a range of workplaces including office-based operations, assembly line manufacturers, nursing homes, hospitals, support centres, primary care and education.

***Workplace Covid-19 Risk Management and Hygiene** equips employees with awareness training and skills for managing their hygiene, protecting their colleagues, and raising the cleanliness standards of their workplace.

CLS laboratories are accredited and approved by the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) for ISO 17025 (108T); ISO 9001:2015; US Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA); and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

For more information on the new Covid-19 support services visit www.cls.ie