



**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #62 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 09:00 hrs.

**Attendance:** Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Fran Thompson, CIO; Ann Marie Hoey, ND HR; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; David Leach, ND Communications.

**In Attendance:** Amanda Prior, National Office for Emergency Management; Cara Regan Downey, National Office for Emergency Management.

**Apologies:** Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Cahir O'Byrne, National Office for Emergency Management; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs.

<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #62.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #60 approved by all.		Cahir O'Byrne - National Emergency Management
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Action list was reviewed with regard to existing actions from NPHET.	Noted that these actions were progressing via appropriate lead.	Tom McGuinness - National Emergency Management
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<b>5. Public Health Update</b>			
	<p>A national epidemiological update was provided by Lorraine Doherty, Clinical Lead HPSC.</p> <p>There were 270 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases notified on 08/11/2020 bringing the cumulative total number of confirmed cases to 65,659.</p> <p>The total number of deaths reported in COVID-19 cases to date to midnight 08/11/2020 is 1,948 (1,689 deaths in confirmed cases; 259 deaths in possible/probable cases).</p> <p>There was 1 newly reported death among COVID-19 cases reported on 08/11/2020, in a confirmed case. The person was &gt;85 years of age at the time of death. This death was linked to a COVID-19 outbreak in a nursing home.</p>	Update to be provided at next meeting.	Dr Lorraine Doherty - Clinical Lead HPSC

	<p>There were no new deaths in healthcare workers or young people.</p> <p>There are currently 572 outbreaks notified to CIDR for epi-week 45. The majority of outbreaks (n=443) occurred in private houses:145 in HSE-South-East, 78 in the West, 63 in South, 62 in the East, and 95 in the three other regions</p> <p>Outbreaks in key sectors:</p> <p>Direct Provision Centres: There were two new outbreaks in week 45, with 32 linked cases One other outbreak remains open from previous weeks, with 6 linked cases</p> <p>Vulnerable populations: There are five new outbreaks in week 45, with 61 linked cases There are 54 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 828 linked cases</p> <p>Gardai/Defence Forces: There are no new outbreaks in week 45 There are eight outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 26 linked cases</p> <p>Meat Plants and Food Processing Plants: There was one new meat plant outbreak in week 45, with 2 linked cases and two further outbreaks occurred in</p>		
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	<p>businesses associated with other food processing. There are 15 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 101 linked cases.</p> <p>Construction Sector: Four outbreaks were notified in week 45 in businesses associated with the construction sector, with nine linked cases There are 7 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 27 linked cases.</p> <p>Nursing Homes: There are three new outbreaks in week 45, with 75 linked cases, including one outbreak with 47 cases in HSE S There are 47 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 920 linked cases. Ten outbreaks that were reported between week 40 and 45 have &gt;40 cases linked to them</p> <p>Hospitals: There are ten new outbreaks in week 45, with 163 linked cases There are 27 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 171 linked cases.</p> <p>Schools:</p>		
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	<p>There are 23 new outbreaks in week 45, with 65 linked cases  There are 107 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 464 linked cases.</p> <p>Childcare Facilities  There are 11 new outbreaks in week 45, with 26 linked cases  There are 46 outbreaks that remain open from previous weeks, with 230 linked cases.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology  As of 08/11/2020  441,696 new cases in past 24 hours  49,578,590 total confirmed cases  1,245,717 total deaths.</p> <p>Countries with highest total number of cases.  United States of America 9,504,758  India 8,507,754  Brazil 5,590,025.</p> <p>Countries with highest total number of deaths.  United States of America 233,292  Brazil 161,106  India 126,121.</p>	<p><b>Outbreak location, other</b></p>	<p><b>Lab</b></p>
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**6. Testing & Tracing Update**

An update was provided by Niamh O'Beirne, HSE.  
Focus has been given to 3 mink farms where 2 have agreed to staff testing and 1 would like to test the animals before the staff. Tests are going directly to NVRL for geno testing.

269 additional swabbing staff have been recruited with 100 more to come on board by the end of the week. It is anticipated that this will continue to year end to bring the total number to approx. 900 staff.

An update has been requested to be submitted at the end of Nov and Dec with regard to staff that have redeployed back to their original role.

417 contact tracing staff are now available with more due to come on board this week.  
It is anticipated that as of the 1<sup>st</sup> December approx. 80 staff will be in position.

Support staff from DF and Public Service and started to return to their normal roles.

Niamh O'Beirne to update at next meeting.

Niamh O'Beirne – HSE EMT

	<p>To date 25 AHP's will return by the end of the week with EHO's commencing return also.</p> <p>The CEO requested a summary noted to be sent noting those returned to original positions to date and those outstanding.</p>		
<b>7. Community Operation</b>			
	<p>An update was provided by Yvonne O' Neill, Community Operations. There are 20 nursing homes nationally on close monitor were the level of outbreak is of concern or premises have been on radar for few weeks but not moving off. There is probably 4 high on radar in terms of stability and need for staffing.</p> <p>2 new nursing homes have now come on the committee's radar – 1 in the South East and 1 in the South. The nursing home in the south is also being monitored by HIQA however they are happier now that the home is being run by the HSE.</p>	<p>Chief Operations Officer and Community Ops will update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Ann O'Connor – Chief Operations Officer/ Yvonne O'Neill – Community Operations</p>
<b>8. Acute Operations</b>			
	<p>An update was provided by Liam Woods with regard to the Private Hospitals Agreement not that a revised offering has been agreed under the safety net and should issue out to individual hospitals by the end of the week.</p>	<p>Liam Woods to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>Liam Woods – Acute Operations</p>

	<p>Liam also noted 3 hospitals that currently have outbreaks; Naas, Limerick and Letterkenny. Liam stated services within each hospital that were effected.</p> <p>It was queried as to whether or not derogations had been used and a future update is to be sent later in the day.</p>		
<b>9. Clinical Coalition</b>			
	<p>Martin Cormican gave an update with regard to Infection Prevention Control and work that is ongoing with Acute Hospital Division with regard to improving protection in hospitals during outbreaks.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry to update at next NCMT.</p>	<p>Dr Colm Henry – Chief Clinical Officer</p>
<b>10. AOB</b>			
	<p>Vaccinations – it was requested by Paul Reid that this would be a standing item on the agenda going forward.</p> <p>An update was given by Paul with regard to the Vaccination development process noting that a structure has been established with Lorraine Doherty and Paul Reid representing the HSE. Lorraine Doherty noted that the Covid Vaccine Implementation Group with work streams established and chairs in place with PMO support.</p>	<p>Paul Reid and Lorraine Doherty to update at next NCMT.</p>	
<b>11. NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<p><b>NCMT #63 Tuesday, 17th November at 08.30hrs.</b></p>		