



Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #68 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 22nd December 2020 at 08.30am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Ann Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health, Dr Siobhan Ni Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care, John Kelly, Corporate Affairs, Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Fran Thompson, CIO; David Leach, ND Communications; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, Office for Emergency Management; Damien McCallian for Niamh O'Beirne.

Apologies: Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #68		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #67 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	<p>4 NPHET actions reviewed.</p> <p>CEO reminded all that if an action is agreed at NPHET that has implications for HSE, any changes requested to that action must be discussed with HSE EMT and presented to the HSE Board prior to any amendments being made.</p>	Change wording of Action 148 to 'all relevant hospital outbreaks'.	Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	NCMT action 131 outstanding.	SDU are receiving data on cases and contact tracing. Action to be reviewed and updated (JR).	Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>LD - Epidemiological update.</p> <p>5,343 cases compared to 3,842 in previous 14-day period. Median age 36yrs. 64% of cases <45yrs. Donegal has highest rates: 263.8/100K, followed by Louth and Kilkenny compared to National incidence rate of 112.2/100K. Hospitalisations: 262 – compared to 235 Deaths: 12 compared to 15.</p>	Government due to make decisions today based on NPHET advice.	Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>727 new cases and no new deaths reported in last 24hrs. Daily average increasing = 600. Outbreaks - Week 51 254 in the last week. 171 in private homes, 39 of which are located in the South East. 9 in Nursing Homes. 2 in Community hospital/long stay units. 9 in hospitals- a number in one Dublin hospital. 3 in Irish Traveller population. Workplace Outbreaks. 1 - Meat factory. 2 - Manufacturing. 1 - Construction. 17 - Schools. Nursing Home outbreaks reported. Globally - USA, India and Brazil have the highest cases. New variant of coronavirus raised.</p>		
6. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>DMcC: Arrangement and cover are in place across the pathways from community operations - laboratories - contact tracing. Detailed plan drafted and has been submitted - will also be sent to DoH.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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7. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>AOC – A few outbreaks of concern reported in both HSE and private Nursing Homes.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place around the support needed for the Christmas period with the DoH.</p>		Anne O'Connor
8. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW - One Dublin hospital reported to have experienced outbreaks. No flu or respiratory virus presentation to hospitals. Trends different to previous years.</p> <p>27th- 29th December traditionally sees increase hospital activity.</p> <p>ICU surge capacity and elective admissions.</p> <p>Normal Winter Planning continues – monitoring volume of elective care into January. Number of closed beds being monitored.</p>	Surge plan in place for each site.	Liam Woods
9. VACCINATIONS			
	<p>CEO - High Level Task Force Meeting yesterday, a revised letter from NIAC- received – clarified situation.</p> <p>SB - Conditional Marketing Authorisation granted yesterday – catalyst to start progressing deliveries.</p> <p>First delivery of 10,000 is expected on 26/12/20 into Rosslare or Dublin, will be</p>	NIAC letter to be circulated.	Sean Breslin

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	<p>taken under covert escort to the National Cold Chain Centre. To commence programme with initial vaccinations to commence on 30/12/20 Call with Pfizer scheduled this morning to confirm arrangements.</p> <p>DL – Agreed with Pfizer Unite Drug – on landing there be an embargo on cameras to protect security.</p>		
9. CLINICAL COALITION			
	Detail for Public Health Teams mobilisation cover for Christmas period outstanding.	CEO requested copy of same to be submitted this morning.	Dr Colm Henry
10. AOB			
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #69 Tuesday, 29th December 09.00hrs.</p>		