

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting#74 COVID-19.


Date: Tuesday 9th February 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Angela Fitzgerald, AND Acute Operation (for Liam Woods).

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies: Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #74.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #73 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred to next meeting.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Number of cases continues to decline. Numbers remain high - daily cases similar to peak at wave 2 and 40% higher than peak at 1st wave. The number of outbreaks and hospital admissions are declining, but remain high - likely impact of level 5 restrictions and vaccination.</p> <p>15,566 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 40yrs. 57.6% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 326.89/100K.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>Monaghan incidence rate has decreased, but remains highest rate in country at 692.3/100K. Hospitalisations: 1,182. ICU Admissions: 44. Deaths: 111. 829 new cases and 6 new deaths reported in last 24hrs, with median age of 84yrs. 3 deaths related to nursing home outbreaks.</p>  <p>Workplace Outbreaks 5 in meat/poultry factory. 5 in construction. 14 in childcare and schools.</p> <p>Globally - USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p>		

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	<p>UK Variant (VOC 202012/01) has been identified in 77 countries, approx. 50,000 cases.</p> <p>South African variant (501.V2) has been identified in 37 countries, approx. 990 cases. 10-12 cases in Ireland.</p> <p>Brazilian variant (P.1) has been identified in 14 countries, approx. 90 cases. Not yet identified in Ireland.</p> <p>No influenza/RSV in Ireland to date. Of note in last 3-4 weeks influenza and RSV is re-emerging in Australia as Winter starts, they had no influenza/RSV last year.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: Outbreak update circulated.</p> <p>Trend of outbreaks reducing - numbers remain high.</p> <p>33% of nursing homes experiencing outbreaks, this was at 6% in mid-December 2020.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>AF: Hospital admissions have reduced - ICU cases remain high.</p> <p>Private hospitals: good access to critical care beds, fully utilising the 30% of availability. Numbers of Bed Days Used (BDU) has increased last week, 1,900 compared to 1,600 previous week.</p>		Liam Woods

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	<p>Scope activity has decreased since first wave and has not fully recovered - focus on urgent cases.</p> <p>ICU beds in private hospitals is linked to demands for time dependent work, i.e. surgery. High numbers of patients being treated outside of ICU with non-invasive ventilation (NIV).</p>		
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing: Close contact testing on day 5 recommenced on 30/01/21, resulting in approx. 2,000 tests/day. The number of GP referrals has decreased. From tomorrow (10/02/21) reintroducing day 0 and day 10 testing for close contacts. The number for testing will be high for the next few days as the day 5 and day 0 tests happen simultaneously - there is sufficient capacity for both tests.</p> <p>Contact Tracing: Policy change: for text messages that is sent out - exit from restricted movement as a close contact between day 11 and 12, if tested negative.</p> <p>Full Participation Provider Agreement (PPA) will be reinstated from Wednesday 10/2/21.</p> <p>Serial testing: On-going in nursing homes and meat factories. Collection of</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>tests may be impacted by the severe weather forecasted, this will be factored into the processes.</p> <p>Acute Operations serial testing; meeting yesterday, re-assessing the serial testing in hospitals and the plan for same going forward. NPHEt will be advised of their recommendations for same.</p>		
9. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #75 Tuesday, 16th February 2021 @ 09:00hrs.</p>		