

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #77 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 @ 09:00am.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; 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; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Yvonne O’Neill, Community Operations; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Fran Thompson, CIO; Sara Maxwell (for John Kelly).

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

**Apologies:** Dean Sullivan, CSPO; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

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<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #77.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #76 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Review of actions deferred to next meeting.		Dr Trish Markham
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<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>25% decrease in cases in the last 14 days. daily count approx. 650. Majority of cases in younger population, number of new cases in older population is declining.</p> <p>9,964 cases over last 14-day period.            Median age 33yrs.            68.4% of cases &lt;45yrs.            National incidence rate of 209.25/100K.            Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Offaly at 437.4/100K, Longford at 376.8/100K and Dublin at 281.8/100K.            Hospitalisations: 673.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>ICU Admissions: 26.  Deaths: 38.  687 new cases and 1 new death reported in last 24hrs.</p> <div data-bbox="629 400 1111 802" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 100%; min-height: 100px;"></div> <p><b>37 Workplace Outbreaks</b>  4 in meat/poultry factory.  10 in commercial.  3 in schools.</p> <p><b>Global Update</b>  USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p> <p>South African variant (B.1.351) has been identified in 45 countries, approx. 1,310 cases. 15 confirmed cases in Ireland.  Other cases under review.</p>		

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	<p>Brazilian variant (P.1) has been identified in 21 countries, approx. 69 cases. 3 cases in Ireland. Other cases under review.</p> <p>Some countries starting to see increase in case numbers, this is being monitored. Other variants are under investigation globally – primarily in South America and Africa.</p>		
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>YO'N: The number of new outbreaks in LTRF has reduced. Approx. 27% of nursing homes experiencing an outbreak, previous at 33%. 6 new outbreaks in last week, seeing fewer cases linked to each outbreak.</p> <p>Positive cases linked to an outbreak are being monitored, in particular where second dose of vaccinations have been administered.</p> <p>Staff on COVID-19 leave: on average, there were 20 staff on leave related to each outbreak, this has reduced to an average of 8 staff per outbreak.</p> <p>Disability and Mental Health facility outbreaks continue to decrease.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill

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<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>KK: 494 cases in hospital of which 117 are in ICU.</p> <p>LW: Improvement in trends. 87 open outbreaks.</p> <p>Hospital acquired cases: 77.</p> <p>Lab confirmed cases: 49 this week, YTD total 3,400.</p> <p>Advanced respiratory support patients: 191, peaked at &gt;400 patients.</p> <p>One Dublin hospital had 19 positive staff out of approx. 3,900 staff tested in last week.</p> <p>MC: W/e 21/02/21 there were 49 staff in acute hospital sector positive for COVID-19, compared to &gt;1,000 previously.</p>		Liam Woods
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><b>Testing:</b></p> <p>418 lab positive cases yesterday, 150 less than last Monday. This is lowest daily number since early December 2020.</p> <p>Acute sector carrying out approx. 4,000 tests/day, 30,000/week. Private labs carrying out approx. 2-3,000 tests/day, 18,000/week - not detected results</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>forwarded. Community labs carrying out approx. 63,000/week.</p> <p>3 Projects on going led by Testing &amp; Tracing and Public Health Teams;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Antigen Testing: pilot in schools and third level institutions.</li> <li>2. Self-Referrals for testing.</li> <li>3. Source Investigation.</li> </ol> <p>Schools: Too early to report on impact of return to schools on testing and tracing.</p> <p>KK noted there is a meeting today between Public Health and schools.</p>	<p>NO'B to update PR on 3 projects.</p> <p>KK to update PR following meeting with schools.</p>	
<b>9. AOB</b>			
	Nil.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #78 Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 @ 09:00.</b>		