

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #78 COVID-19.

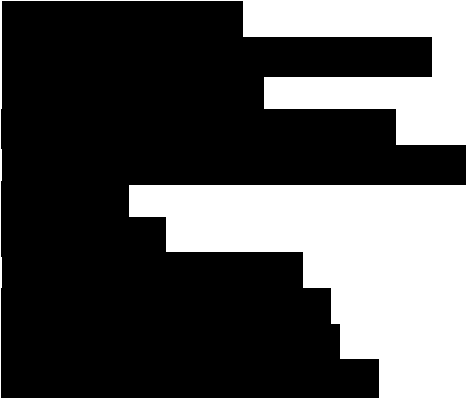
Date: Tuesday 9th March 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: 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; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Fran Thompson, CIO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Sara Maxwell (for John Kelly).

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

Apologies: Paul Reid, CEO; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	AO'C, COO opened NCMT #78.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #77 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	TM: 8 actions in progress. 3 added last week, 2 closed, 1 remains open.		Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	No update.		Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>New case numbers continue to reduce. Average daily rate is approx. 500/day. Outbreaks in hospitals and Long Term Residential Facilities are declining.</p> <p>7,952 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 33yrs. 69% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 166.99/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Longford at 398.8/100K, Offaly at 343.8/100K and Westmeath at 263.6/100K. Hospitalisations: 514. ICU Admissions: 16. Deaths: 13.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>437 new cases and no new deaths reported in last 24hrs.</p>  <p>19 Workplace Outbreaks 2 in meat/poultry factory. 6 in commercial. None in schools.</p> <p>Global Update USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: 20% of all nursing homes are experiencing outbreaks. The number of new outbreaks is reducing.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill

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	Staff on COVID-19 leave has reduced by more than half since the peak.		
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Improvement in trends of hospital acquired COVID-19 and outbreak numbers are reducing.</p> <p>179 non-invasive ventilated patients, reduced from 191 last week.</p> <p>Private Hospitals: cessation figures have been reached. Contracts will be reviewed and arrangements will be amended as appropriate with each hospital. 14-day cessation requirement exist in contract.</p>	LW to write to private hospitals and provide decision updates.	Liam Woods
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>NO'B: Following Steering Group Meeting yesterday progressing;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antigen Testing, for pilot in schools and third level institutions. 2. Alternative Referral Pathways, online self-referral- ICT development and business processes required- work underway. 3. Source Investigation: new methodologies between Contact Management Programme and Public Health. 		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>Serial Testing: Positivity rates: 0.3% in nursing homes and 0.6% in meat factories.</p> <p>Quarantine On-Site Testing: Referrals will come from medical support (referral and label printing) that is provided to the hotel. Workshop for NAS and Community Sector (swabbing, logistics and lab processing) at the site.</p>	<p>KK to check if contracted operator covers mental health supports.</p>	
9. CLINICAL UPDATE			
	<p>CH: Vaccination roll-out under way. Reduced number of positive hospital healthcare workers, at 45, from peak of 1,000 on Jan 17th 2021. Healthcare acquired COVID-19 reduced from 500 at peak, to below 100.</p> <p>Reintroduction of service - work in progress.</p>		<p>Dr Colm Henry</p>
10. AOB			
	<p>Y'ON/MC/CH: Nursing home visiting guidance being revisited - proposal to be submitted to NPHE on 11/03/21.</p>		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #79 Tuesday, 16th March 2021 @ 09:00.</p>		