

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #79 COVID-19.

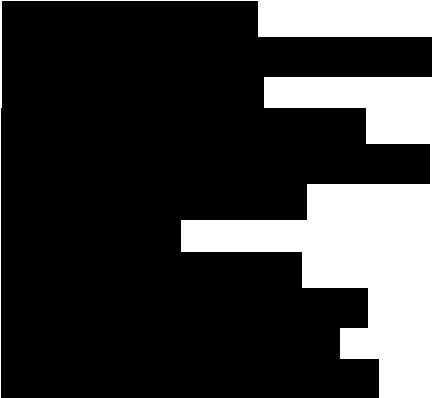
Date: Tuesday 16th March 2021 @ 09:00am.

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; 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; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Sara Maxwell (for John Kelly); Dr Stephanie O'Keeffe (for Niamh O'Beirne).

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

Apologies: Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #79.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #78 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 new cases slowly declining. Some activity linked to schools re-opening.</p> <p>3rd level institutions - experiencing extended outbreaks.</p> <p>Most outbreaks in private homes.</p> <p>Internationally the disease is resurging, particularly in parts of Europe, linked to the B1.1.7 strain.</p> <p>7,064 cases over last 14-day period.</p> <p>Median age 32yrs.</p> <p>70.9% of cases <45yrs.</p> <p>National incidence rate of 148.35/100K.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Longford at 352.3/100K, Offaly at 338.6/100K and Kildare at 226.5/100K. Hospitalisations: 414. ICU Admissions: 14. Deaths: 11. 575 new cases and no deaths reported in last 24hrs.</p>  <p>19 Workplace Outbreaks. 1 in meat/poultry factory. 10 in commercial. 8 in schools.</p> <p>Global Update USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO’N: Numbers continue to decline in nursing homes, with 3 outbreaks in the last 7 days. There were 7 outbreaks in other residential care facilities.</p> <p>On average, there are 4 staff on leave linked to each outbreak compared to 20 at peak of wave 3.</p> <p>2-3 nursing homes being monitored closely; a significant decrease from approx. 100 at peak earlier this year.</p> <p>Positivity rate in serial testing in Older Persons, Mental Health & Disability Services has decreased.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Trends improving. Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI): 35. Open outbreaks: 53.</p> <p>Acute beds: 333 COVID-19 patients occupying acute beds.</p> <p>85 in ICU of which 59 are ventilated. Non-invasive ventilated patients: 179.</p>		Liam Woods

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8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>SO'K: The following projects continue to be progressed;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Antigen Testing, for pilot in schools and third level institutions. Paper due for completion on 19/03/21, re plan for implementation of same. 2. Alternative Referral Pathways, online self-referral. 3. Source Investigation. <p>Testing Expect to see an increase in numbers as children return to school. Primary schools and 5th year students returned yesterday (15/03/21). Household close contact for young people has been showing a high level of detected disease.</p>	<p>KK: Meeting today at 10am re schools.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne</p>
9. HR			
	<p>AMH: 1,177 staff on COVID-19 leave, a reduction of 218 from previous week.</p>		<p>Anne-Marie Hoey</p>
10. AOB			
	<p>Nil.</p>		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #80 Tuesday, 23rd March 2021 @ 08:30</p>		