

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #80 COVID-19.

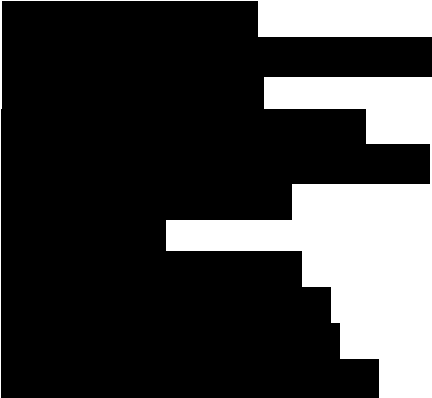
**Date:** Tuesday 23rd March 2021 @ 08:30am.

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

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

**Apologies:** Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #80.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #79 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Number of new cases appears static - on average there are 550 new cases/day.</p> <p>In comparison to other countries internationally, Ireland is performing well.</p> <p>7,481 cases over last 14-day period.</p> <p>Median age 31yrs.</p> <p>72.9% of cases &lt;45yrs.</p> <p>National incidence rate of 157.1/100K.</p> <p>Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Offaly at 424.6/100K, Longford at 269.1/100K and Kildare at 256.2/100K. High incident rates in Dublin - North Inner City, Dublin North West and Dublin South East.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Hospitalisations: 361.  ICU Admissions: 22.  Deaths: 16.  520 new cases and 1 death reported in last 24hrs.</p>  <p>19 Workplace Outbreaks.  2 in meat/poultry factory.  8 in commercial.  24 in schools.  6 in University/Third Level institutions.  16 in Childcare Facilities.</p> <p><b>Global Update</b>  USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases.  USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p>		

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<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	KK: Smaller number of outbreaks being experienced in nursing homes.  AO'C: Staff absenteeism has reduced.		Yvonne O'Neill/Ann O'Connor
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	KK: 342 COVID-19 admissions, 80 in ICU.  LW: Trends slowly improving. Infection rates, hospital acquired infections, lab confirmed staff cases and open outbreaks are all reducing.  Non-invasive ventilated patients on 16/03/21 - 183.		Liam Woods
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	NO'B: The following projects continue to be progressed; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Antigen Testing Pilots</li> <li>2. Alternative Referral Pathways</li> <li>3. Source Investigation</li> <li>4. Hotel Quarantine.</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Antigen Testing</b>            Will commence in third level institutions, secondary and primary schools and childcare facilities. In third level institutions, staff and students will be tested, all are adults. In secondary schools, a mix of teachers and students</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>will be tested. In primary schools and childcare facilities, teachers and childcare providers will be tested.</p> <p><b>2. Alternative Referral Pathways</b> Self-referrals allow access to testing by asymptomatic people, without a GP referral. Access via walk-in clinic, phone line or online. Will commence in 5 pilot areas this week, in Dublin and Midlands. Focussing on areas with high incidence rates. There will be 4 pop-up, walk-in testing centres in Dublin. People will be advised that they can only avail of these facilities within their 5km limit. These pop-up centres can complete approx. 400 swabs/day. Work is on-going with Communications Dept., Public Health and Dept. of the Taoiseach on public messaging.</p> <p><b>3. Source Investigation</b> Phase 1 has commenced - people are being called on day 4 for further tracing investigations. Full source investigation for all routine cases planned from 31/03/21, work ongoing between Public Health (PH) and Contact Management Programme. Focusing on a robust process, so that it can continue if/when case numbers rise.</p>		

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	<p>A newly developed report will be available from today with more data regarding close contacts.</p> <p><b>4. Hotel Quarantine</b> Testing programme is in place for those who arrive at the end of this week. Hotel staff will be included in the testing programme.</p> <p><b>Testing</b> 35% increase in GP and close contact referrals for testing yesterday compared to last week.</p> <p>CH: Met with Public Health Directors yesterday. Plan on meeting with GPs this week re self-referral process.</p>		
<b>9. AOB</b>			
	Nil.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #81 Tuesday, 30th March 2021 @ 09:00</b>		