

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #96 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 27th July 2021 @ 08:30am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Brian Long, HBS.

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Mary Heaney, Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies: Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Swords, HBS; Sinéad Fox, NiSRP Programme/NCMT Secretary.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	Paul Reid opened NCMT #96.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #95 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Hospital and ICU cases are slowly rising.</p> <p>15,850 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 23yrs. 86.7% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 332.9/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 952.3/100K, Louth at 603.6/100K and Laois at 454.6/100K. Hospitalisations: 141. ICU Admissions: 25. Deaths: 6 1,345 new cases and zero deaths reported in last 24hrs.</p>		Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 28 125 new outbreaks notified.</p> <p>1 in a nursing home. 1 in a community hospitals/long-stay unit. Zero in residential care facilities. 3 in hospitals. 10 travel related. 1 in vulnerable populations. 42 in workplace. 4 in schools. 10 in childcare facilities. 17 in social gatherings.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology USA, India and Brazil have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p> <p>COVID-19 Variants B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant – 2,145 confirmed cases as of 26/07/2021.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO’N: 1 outbreak reported. Focus is on maintaining support measures and levels of intervention for nursing homes. Continued control measures and COVID Response Teams in place. Webinars planned to reinforce</p>		Yvonne O’Neill

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	messaging for staff.		
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>AF: Hospitalisations: 141. ICU: 25 with 12 ventilated. 6 admissions to ICU on 26/07/2021.</p> <p>Cohort in ICU are younger people. Hospital Acquired Infection-COVID-19: 16. HCAI are not growing. Hospital Open Outbreaks: 3.</p> <p>Private hospital support discussed.</p> <p>ED and trolley activity being monitored - levels close to 2019 numbers. Cyber-attack challenges continue to exist.</p>		Angela Fitzgerald
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing: Capacity exists to increase testing; however, demand does not exist. Approximately 14,000 swabs taken on Monday (27/07/2021) compared to approximately 15,500 taken the previous Monday, showing a downward trend.</p> <p>Testing busiest in Galway and Mayo. Public Health Team have requested pop-up testing in Westport, Co. Mayo. Additional testing support has been</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>provided in Louth.</p> <p>Positivity level remains high.</p> <p>Antigen Testing: Surge plans for the provision of Antigen testing in place for Tuesday 06/08/2021.</p> <p>Currently developing a relationship with pharmacies for the provision of an ongoing supply of Antigen tests to enable the use of Antigen testing for various uses and cohorts as required.</p> <p>Putting in place the technology to record and support the results of Antigen Testing.</p> <p>Pilot of Antigen Testing opened across Third Level with swabs being delivered from yesterday (Post Primary Education not necessarily University).</p> <p>August - Early Years pilot of Antigen testing to commence.</p> <p>These pilots will provide 4 weeks of data in advance of the full return of schools in September.</p> <p>Testing of children – different approach to be put forward for under 13 years of age (primary school children).</p>		

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9.VACCINATIONS			
	As of 25/07/2021: Total 1 st doses administered - 3,148,266. Total 2 nd doses administered - 2,403,488. Total vaccination doses administered - 5,551,754.		Damien McCallion
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #97 Tuesday, 3rd August 2021 @ 09:00		