

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #99 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 31st August 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Anne O'Connor, COO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; David Leach, AND Communications; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Cathal Morgan, for Yvonne O'Neill; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme; John Swords, Head of Procurement; Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations.

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, NiSRP Programme/NCMT Secretary.

Apologies: Paul Reid, CEO; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The COO opened NCMT #99.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #98 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	TM: Action 145 and 180 closed.		Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	TM: Action 131 - Acute Operations along with Contact Tracing and OoCIO have been upgrading the CCT to accommodate data collection.		Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Cases are static at between 17-18,000/day over the last few days. Vaccinations roll-out continues. Some outbreaks in nursing homes and residential care facilities.</p> <p>Surge of cases continues across Europe.</p> <p>24,995 cases over last 14-day period, an increase from 22,989 in previous 14-day period.</p> <p>1,293 new cases reported in last 24hrs.</p> <p>Median age 26yrs.</p> <p>75.7% of cases <45yrs.</p> <p>National incidence rate of 524.9/100K.</p> <p>Counties with the highest 14-day</p>		Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>incidence rate are Monaghan at 1547.6/100K, Donegal at 1159.0/100K and Cavan at 1047.6/100K. A total of 5,102 deaths have been reported up to 08.30am 30/08/21.</p> <p>As of 30/08/21 there were 382 admitted patients with COVID-19, of which 61 are in ICU.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 34* *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 97 new outbreaks notified in the last week. 6 in nursing homes and community hospitals/long-stay unit. 9 in residential care facilities. 8 in hospitals. 2 travel related. 6 in vulnerable populations. 27 workplace outbreaks. 0 in University/College 0 in schools. 10 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology USA, India and Brazil continue to have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>CM: Increase in infection rates in residential settings. Working with MC and KK, focusing on infection prevention control and key messaging to support for managers on two key areas - living with and managing COVID-19.</p> <p>No centre in amber/red status presently.</p>		Cathal Morgan
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>AF: Last week there were 28 hospital acquired infections.</p> <p>Acute group meeting to review infection prevention control measures and the maintenance of COVID and non-COVID pathways.</p> <p>290 ICU beds occupied. Challenges with ICU staffing. Recruitment and retention plans discussed.</p> <p>Private hospital usage at 1,000 bed days/week, the ICU bed days at 20-30 days/week. Future use of private hospitals discussed.</p> <p>JR: Winter Surge Plan in early draft. For finalising this week. Plan to finish</p>		Angela Fitzgerald

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	<p>initiatives in Q4 2021, and identify others for NSP Q1/ Q2 2022.</p> <p>CH: Weekly meetings with critical care have reconvened. Case numbers are as high as seen earlier this year, lower conversion to hospitalisations and deaths.</p>		
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p><u>Testing:</u> Remains busy. >15,000 tests performed yesterday. 0-14 year olds have a positivity rate of 13%. The volume of testing and positivity rate of 15-24 year olds has decreased in recent weeks.</p> <p>Community positivity rate at 14.5%.</p> <p>Increase in testing in the coming days expected with the return of schools. Expected to be managed within the current capacity.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne
9. VACCINATION			
	<p>DMcC: 12-15 year olds expected to be vaccinated by Sept 2021. Some geographical areas with high prevalence have low vaccine uptake. Process for boosters and logistics of staffing for same being progressed.</p>		Damien McCallion

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NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #100 Tuesday, 7 th Sept 2021 @ 09:00hrs.		