

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #102 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 @ 08:30am.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; David Walsh, Vaccination Programme Lead.

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

**Apologies:** Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	The CEO opened NCMT #102.		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #101 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Update deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p>KK: Daily case numbers are starting to decline, with an average of 1300 cases/day. This is matching the conservative modelling data. Increase in school related outbreaks.</p> <p>Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has been detected in the community, particularly amongst children.</p> <p>Northern India is the only country reporting influenza cases at present.</p> <p>18,607 cases over last 14-day period, a decrease from 21,464 in previous 14-day period. 1,154 new cases reported in last 24hrs. Median age 25yrs.</p>		Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>76.8% of cases &lt;45yrs. National incidence rate of 390.8/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Monaghan at 868.3/100K, Donegal at 805.3/100K and Louth at 676.6/100K. A total of 5,193 deaths have been reported up to midnight 15/09/21.</p> <p><b>Outbreaks - Week 37*</b> *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 153 new outbreaks in the last week. 5 in nursing homes and community hospitals/long-stay unit. 7 in residential care facilities. 3 in hospitals. 0 travel related. 11 in vulnerable populations. 11 workplace outbreaks. 1 in University/College 71 in schools. 9 in childcare facilities.</p> <p><b>Global Epidemiology</b> USA, India and Brazil continue to have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p>		
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	YO'N: Numbers plateauing – not reducing. Outbreaks in residential care		Yvonne O'Neill

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	<p>facilities, most residents and staff vaccinated.</p> <p>Monitoring and IPC measures continue.</p> <p>One large outbreak reported - being managed and support is being provided.</p>		
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>LW: Hospital acquired infection has decreased from 43 to 21 last week.</p> <p>Open outbreaks have decreased from 27 to 26 last week.</p> <p>Lab confirmed cases of staff has decreased from 164 to 91 last week.</p> <p>Last night there were 279 admitted inpatients, of which 63 are in ICU.</p> <p>Paediatric sites are busy, with some reporting trolley numbers.</p> <p>AO'C: Sites are busy and challenged heading into the Winter months, with usual increased activity.</p>		<p>Liam Woods</p> <p>Anne O'Connor</p>
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><u>Testing:</u></p> <p>High demand on testing. 177,000 tests completed last week (second highest weekly total).</p> <p>Approx. 21,000 tests completed on 20/09/21.</p>		<p>Niamh O'Beirne</p> <p>Colm Henry</p>

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	<p>Testing centres remain busy with high demand, particularly in the East. High number of 0-14year olds - approx. 50,000 self-referrals. Positivity rates reducing - 13%.</p> <p>Antigen testing programme for nursing homes in the West, Wicklow and North Dublin has commenced. Approx. 20 out of 160 nursing homes signed up for twice weekly antigen testing of staff.</p> <p><u>Tracing:</u> There are approx. 100 post primary and 200 primary schools referring children daily for testing. A review of the close contact tracing protocol for school children is being undertaken. CH: Paper being prepared for cabinet by NPHET.</p>		
<b>9. AOB</b>			
	Nil.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<b>NCMT #103 Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 @ 09:00hrs</b>		