

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #103 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 28th September 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Mark Brennock, ND Communications; 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; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Angela Fitzgerald, Acute Operations, for Liam Woods.

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

Apologies: Dr John Cuddihy, Director of Public Health; John Swords, Head of Procurement; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #103.</p> <p>Schedule of future COVID-19 NCMT meetings discussed and how COVID-19 response will be managed as part of Business as Usual. The next meeting will be in a fortnight (12/10/21).</p>		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #102 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	All actions complete.		Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	Update deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>MC: Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) has increased to 78 cases from 28 cases last week. Mostly in 0-4years olds.</p> <p>18,203 cases over last 14-day period, a decrease from 20,033 in previous 14-day period.</p> <p>1,049 new cases reported in last 24hrs. Median age 27yrs. 74.7% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 382.3/100K.</p>		Dr Martin Cormican

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	<p>Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 721.1/100K, Monaghan at 658.1/100K and Louth at 640.9/100K. A total of 5,235 deaths have been reported up to midnight 26/09/21.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 38* *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 177 new outbreaks in the last week. 8 in nursing homes and community hospitals/long-stay unit. 5 in residential care facilities. 8 in hospitals. 16 in vulnerable populations. 20 workplace outbreaks. 45 in schools. 6 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology USA, India and Brazil continue to have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p> <p>Vaccinations 3.429M people have had both vaccination doses.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: The community situation is stabilising. 15 community outbreaks reported.</p> <p>There are 8 nursing home outbreaks, there were 4 in the previous week. Mostly small number of people involved.</p> <p>A number of nursing homes are being monitored and support provided as necessary.</p> <p>A number of staff on COVID-19 related leave – remains a challenge.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>AF: Hospital acquired cases have slightly reduced. There is now a fortnightly meeting reviewing and managing hospital acquired infections.</p> <p>Demand on beds has reduced from the peak a few weeks ago, there is still a high demand.</p> <p>The number of ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients = 58 on 13/09/21 compared to 65 on 27/09/21, with ventilated patients = 35 compared to 41. Weekly ICU engagement continues.</p>		Angela Fitzgerald

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	<p>Safety Net 3- using approx. 1,000 bed days and 36 ICU bed days per week. The criteria for Safety New3 is no longer relevant (i.e. following cyber-attack). A review of the criteria is being undertaken to continue to utilise this resource.</p> <p>Sites remain busy. Resumption of services continues.</p>		
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p><u>Testing:</u> Numbers dropping since Friday - 18% decline on previous Friday.</p> <p>In the last 7 days there were 36,000 primary school children tested, with 5.2% positivity rate, and 45,000 in the previous week with a 5.2% positivity rate.</p> <p>There has been a decline in all age groups <18years being referred/attending for testing.</p> <p>16,000 tests completed in pop-up centres yesterday.</p> <p>3,300 antigen test results logged on portal last week, with 2,400 positive, of</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>which 60% were vaccinated and 77 were symptomatic.</p> <p><u>Tracing:</u> This is the first full week following the change in the contact tracing process in schools. 7 primary schools for risk assessment yesterday, this had been at 100-200 per days previously.</p> <p>Future strategy for contact tracing being examined.</p>		
9. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #104 Tuesday, 12th Oct 2021 @ 09:00hrs</p>		