

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #104 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 12th October 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 Operational Performance and Integration; John Swords, Head of Procurement; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Liam Woods, Acute Operations; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr John Cuddihy, Director HPSC; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme.

In Attendance: Tara Rowe, Admin Emergency Management.

Apologies: None.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #104.</p> <p>There has been a rise in case numbers, hospital and ICU numbers. Next meeting is scheduled for October 26th, however this is subject to change to October 19th if required.</p>		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #103 approved.		Tara Rowe
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	All actions complete.		Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	Update deferred.		Tom McGuinness
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>JC:</p> <p>The case numbers remain relatively similar to the previous 14-day period. Hospital and ICU admissions have started to rise.</p> <p>Positivity rate has increased.</p> <p>The most significant changes over the past 14 days are the median age has increased, from 27yrs to 34yrs. There has been an increase in cases over 65yrs, now at 11% of cases.</p>		Dr John Cuddihy

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	<p>40% of hospital admissions are unvaccinated, 69% of ICU admissions are unvaccinated.</p> <p>18,803 cases over last 14-day period. 1,358 new cases reported on 10/10/21. Median age 34yrs. 66.2% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 394.9/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Waterford at 747.1/100K, Longford at 709.5/100K and Carlow at 683.3/100K. A total of 5,295 deaths have been reported up to midnight 10/10/21.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 40* *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 175 new outbreaks in the last week. 14 in nursing homes and community hospitals/long-stay unit. 5 in residential care facilities. 10 in hospitals. 23 in vulnerable populations. 19 workplace outbreaks. 3 in schools. 2 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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	<p>Vaccinations 3.467M people have had both vaccination doses up to October 7th 2021.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: The number of community outbreaks has increased, however the number of cases are generally small among staff and residents.</p> <p>A number of nursing homes are being supported with the management of outbreaks.</p> <p>Ongoing challenge in securing staff, particularly night staff, engaging with HIQA on this.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>PR: This morning there are 402 admitted patients with COVID-19, of which 75 are in ICU.</p> <p>MC: 58 Hospital acquired cases in week ending 3/10/21, with two large outbreaks.</p> <p>Disease impact is less in vaccinated cases.</p>		Liam Woods Martin Cormican

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	<p>Emergency Departments are under pressure with high attendances/demand.</p> <p>LW: Hospitals and ICU are challenged, a high demand. Hospitals are close to requiring escalation measures, including reducing elective work and reduce day services. There is an increase in ICU bed capacity.</p> <p>Advanced Respiratory Support (ARS) numbers are being monitored. This is to be included in the daily communication.</p>	<p>LW to include ARS number in daily communication.</p>	
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>CH: Closely monitoring cases following the recent change in the process of contact tracing in schools, to assess impact.</p> <p>NO'B: Numbers for testing were declining over previous weeks. This has changed over the last 6 days, with a 4-11% increase on same day on the previous week.</p> <p>Children 4-12yrs, positivity rate has increased from 5% to 8.49% in last 3 weeks. This increase is being monitored.</p>		<p>Niamh O'Beirne Colm Henry</p>

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	<p>There has been an increase in cases in all age groups aged >35years, with a decrease in cases in 25-34yrs and 15-24yrs.</p> <p>17,000 tests completed in community centres yesterday. Access to a test available at all sites within the same day.</p> <p>Community positivity has risen by 10%.</p> <p>Between 40-50% of all cases are vaccinated.</p>		
9. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #105 Tuesday, 26th Oct 2021 @ 08.30hrs.</p>		