

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #107 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 23rd November 2021 @ 08:30 hrs.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Stephen Mulvany,,; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; CFO Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR Mark Brennock, ND Communications; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, SRO Vaccine Supply Chain & Logistics; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs; Dr John Cuddihy, Director HPSC; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, Health Threats Emergency Preparedness Programme; Fran Thompson, CIO; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

In Attendance: Cahir O'Byrne, National Office for Emergency Management, Tara Rowe, National Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies: Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration, Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The COO opened NCMT #107 and the CEO joined thereafter.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #106 approved.		Cahir O'Byrne
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Update deferred.		Tom McGuinness
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>JC: Summary of the last 14-day period (up to 21Nov2021).</p> <p>Case numbers – 60,309 representing a 41.5% increase from 42,619 cases in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>National incidence - 41.5% increase from 895 to 1,266 per 100k compared to previous 14-day period.</p> <p>Median age 33yrs.</p> <p>70% of cases are <45yrs.</p> <p>Hospital admissions - 669 representing a 24.5% increase, compared to 519 in the previous reporting period.</p> <p>ICU admissions – 31 compared to 30 in the previous reporting period.</p>		Dr John Cuddihy

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 46*</p> <p>*Provisional data may change, subject to validation.</p> <p>124 new outbreaks in the last week.</p> <p>5 in nursing homes.</p> <p>3 in community hospitals/long-stay unit.</p> <p>23 in residential care facilities.</p> <p>8 in acute hospitals.</p> <p>12 in vulnerable populations.</p> <p>10 workplace outbreaks.</p> <p>25 in schools.</p> <p>6 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>14-day incidence</p> <p>764 HCW notified</p> <p>669 patients were hospitalised at time of notification compared to 519 in the previous 14 days (25% increase)</p> <p>8 outbreaks notified in hospitals and 5 in nursing homes.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: Decrease in the number of outbreaks in nursing homes reported.</p> <p>Slight increase in the number of outbreaks in disability and mental health facilities - the number of cases per outbreak remains low.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill

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	<p>One disability centre in Mid-West has a number of positive cases including staff, being monitored and supported.</p> <p>Increase in staff Covid related leave within the community settings reported. Trends indicate that impacts on residential settings lag two weeks behind community settings. Outbreaks continue to be monitored to identify any increase in Covid related sick leave within residential settings.</p>		
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>AO'C: Sites across the whole health sector are under pressure with Covid related demands and staff on sick leave.</p> <p>There is a significant pressure on ICU requirement across the system. Some ICU beds are being provided by the redeployment of suitably skilled staff from other areas (staff redeployment is impacting on service provision in those areas).</p>		Anne O'Connor
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>DMcC: Community referrals are high - 28K, swabs in the last reporting period. The 7-day average for number of positive swabs is 4,400.</p>		Damien McCallion

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	<p>85% of referrals are symptomatic. Positivity rates has increased from 7% to 15%.</p> <p>In some parts of the country increased demand has resulted in all appointments being booked out leading to delays in obtaining a swab testing slot. Some additional capacity is coming online with private providers. Antigen testing for close contacts is underway with 3K daily.</p> <p>Booster vaccinations are continuing with 580K administered to date. Focus over next 7 to 10 days will be the medically vulnerable cohort.</p>		
9. AOB			
	<p>TMG advised of a planned protest by haulers travelling to Dublin city centre on all major routes on Wednesday 24th November from 6am. This may impact staff travelling to work/patients attending outpatient appointments/testing/vaccination centres.</p>		Tom Mc Guinness
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #108 Tuesday, 7th December 2021 @ 09.00hrs.</p>		