

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #108 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 7th December 2021 @ 09:00 hrs.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration; 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 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; Robert Morton, Director NAS; David Leach HSE Communications; Patrick Lynch, ND Governance and Risk.

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

Apologies: Dr John Cuddihy, Director HPSC; Mark Brennock ND Communications.

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| 1. INTRODUCTION | | | |
| | The CEO opened NCMT #108. | | |
| 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES | | | |
| | Minutes of NCMT #107 approved. | | Cahir O'Byrne |
| 3. NPHET ACTION LOG | | | |
| | Update deferred. | | Tom McGuinness |
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| 5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE | | | |
| | <p>LD: Summary of the last 14-day period (up to 05Dec2021).</p> <p>Case numbers – 62,612 representing a 3.7% increase from 60,309 cases in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>National incidence – 3.7% increase from 1,266 to 1,314 per 100k compared to previous 14-day period.</p> <p>Median age 31yrs.</p> <p>73% of cases are <45yrs.</p> <p>Hospital admissions - 515 representing a 6% decrease, compared to 669 in the previous reporting period.</p> <p>ICU admissions – 17 compared to 31 in the previous reporting period.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 48*</p> <p>*Provisional data may change, subject to validation.</p> <p>139 new outbreaks in the last week.</p> | | Dr Lorraine Doherty |

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| | <p>10 in nursing homes 5 in community hospitals/long-stay unit 22 in residential care facilities 10 in acute hospitals 7 in vulnerable populations 7 workplace outbreaks 30 in schools 8 in childcare facilities</p> <p>Booster vaccines administered - 983k Additional dose vaccine administered - 893k Immunocompromised dose vaccine administered - 90k</p> <p>Disruption due to Storm Barra might reduce the numbers vaccinated today (Tuesday).</p> <p>Omicron variant – one confirmed case to date.</p> | | |
| 6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS | | | |
| | <p>YO’N: Stable numbers of outbreaks with no reduction or increase in overall numbers.</p> <p>██████████ has 22 staff testing positive. This is being closely monitored given the potential impact on services.</p> | | Yvonne O’Neill |

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| | At the direction of the Minister and the Dept of Health, serial testing is resuming in LTRCF. | | |
| 7. ACUTE OPERATIONS | | | |
| | <p>LW: 110 in ICU, 483 Covid cases in hospitals.</p> <p>There has been a decrease in hospital acquired infection rates.</p> <p>LW is continuing to Engage with the private hospitals regarding the future working arrangement.</p> <p>AO’C: Sites continue to deal with large volumes with increased ED attendances in the past couple of days.</p> <p>MC: There has been a decrease in hospital acquired cases to 22. New cases of Covid 19in acute settings have decreased to 238 from >400 in previous reporting period.</p> | LW to forward Private Hospital Report to PR as soon as possible. | <p>Liam Woods</p> <p>Liam Woods</p> <p>Anne O’Connor</p> <p>Dr Martin Cormican</p> |
| 8. TESTING & TRACING | | | |
| | <p>DMcC: Testing: Community referrals for testing continue to increase from up 7k to 212k. Positivity rates have decreased to 17.7% down from 19.5%.</p> | | Damien McCallion |

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| | <p>Laboratories have tested 220k samples (up from 205K in previous week) across all sectors including the private sector suppliers to HSE.</p> <p>Capacity has increased to 224K and it is planned to reach 245k per week by end of December (This capacity was 147k per week in October).</p> <p>Antigen testing: – 125k tests were reported through the public portal</p> <p>Schools: – At commencement of the scheme, 12k tests were dispatched to schools. This figure has stabilised with dispatch rates running between 2-3k per day</p> <p>Vaccinations: – over one million 3rd doses administered to date. Booster vaccinations for >50 cohort will commence on Thursday 9th December.</p> | | |
| 9. AOB | | | |
| COMMUNICATIONS | <p>PR: noted that communication of public health message remains a key objective. Adherence to Public Health guidance will lessen the impact on acute hospitals over the Christmas period and beyond.</p> | | Paul Reid |

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| NEXT MEETING | | | |
| | NCMT Covid 19 #109 Tuesday, 21 st December 2021 @ 08.30hrs. | | |