

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #109 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 21st December 2021 @ 08:30 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; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Robert Morton, Director NAS; Patrick Lynch, ND Governance and Risk; Geraldine Smith, Internal Audit.

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

Apologies: Dr John Cuddihy, Director HPSC; Fran Thompson CIO.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #109. Ongoing close monitoring of the situation continues.		Paul Reid
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #108 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 19Dec2021).</p> <p>Case numbers – 64,317 representing a 2.6% increase from 62,612 cases in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>National incidence – 2.6% increase from 1,314 to 1,350 per 100k compared to previous 14-day period.</p> <p>Median age 31yrs.</p> <p>75% of cases are <45yrs.</p> <p>Hospital admissions - 543 representing a 5% increase, compared to 515 in the previous reporting period.</p> <p>ICU admissions – 25 compared to 17 in the previous reporting period representing a 38% increase.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 50* *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 96 new outbreaks in the last week. 6 in nursing homes. 1 in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 19 in residential care facilities. 8 in other healthcare services. 8 in acute hospitals. 13 in vulnerable populations. 4 workplace outbreaks. 22 in schools. 2 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Booster vaccines administered – 1.5m. Additional dose vaccine administered – 1.4m. Immunocompromised dose vaccine administered – 101k.</p> <p>152 confirmed Omicron cases.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO’N: Within LTRC the number of outbreaks has steadied with a reduced average number of cases per outbreak.</p> <p>Serial testing within nursing homes is indicating a positivity rate of .57%. Covid related staff absence remains high.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill

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	<p>A Working Group - comprised of reps from both the HSE & the Department of Health will meet today to finalise surge plans for PCR testing and Antigen testing. Arrangements have been put in place to distribute up to 50k antigen tests per day if PCR testing becomes overwhelmed.</p>		
9. AOB			
Conti Cyber and data breaches	<p>PR: Noted the increased incidence of cyber-attacks in voluntary hospitals in recent days. AO'C advised there is a letter being issued to hospitals today re-enforcing the messages around good cyber security practices and protection of data.</p>	AO'C and LW to liaise with FT today.	Paul Reid
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT Covid 19 #110 Tuesday, 4th January 2022 @ 09.00hrs.</p>		