

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #110 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 04th January 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Nora Mason (*for Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR*); Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; Brian Long (*for John Swords, ND Head of Procurement*); Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration; D CFO Dr John Cuddihy, Director HPSC; Fran Thompson CIO; 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; David Leach, AND Communications.

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

**Apologies:** John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Geraldine Smith, Internal Audit; Mark Brennock, ND Communications.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #110.</p> <p>Following discussions with the COO, CCO and HG CEOs the CEO has issued a further letter emphasising the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The prioritisation process for Covid, Urgent and Critical Care. (As per letter of Nov 2021)</li> <li>2. The derogation for HCW's who are asymptomatic close contacts and the need for appropriate application of this derogation.</li> <li>3. The use of redeployment in order to prioritise staff resources to HG's and CHO's who have the mandate to implement agreement.</li> </ol>		Paul Reid
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #109 approved.		Cahir O'Byrne
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Update deferred.		Tom McGuinness
<b>4. NCMT ACTION LOG</b>			
	Update deferred.		Tom McGuinness
<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	JC: Epidemiology Update (based on cases estimated via CCT).		Dr Lorraine Doherty Dr John Cuddihy

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	<p><b>Case numbers</b> – 5 day moving average: – 19,600. The highest cases in period were 23,281 on the 31<sup>st</sup> December</p> <p><b>14 Day incidence</b> – 161% increase from 1,483 to 3,875 per 100k compared to 26<sup>th</sup> Dec.</p> <p>68% of cases are in the 13 to 44 age range.</p> <p><b>Hospital admissions</b> - 843 admissions representing a 134% increase, compared to 360 admissions, ten days ago.</p> <p><b>ICU admissions</b> -91 representing a 3.4% increase, compared to 89 admissions, ten days ago</p> <p><b>Outbreaks - Week 51*</b></p> <p>*Provisional data may change, subject to validation.</p> <p>96 new outbreaks in the last week.</p> <p>8 in nursing homes.</p> <p>1 in community hospitals/long-stay unit.</p> <p>19 in residential care facilities.</p> <p>21 in acute hospitals.</p> <p>12 in schools.</p>		
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p><b>YO’N:</b> Echoed concerns about the scale and rapid increase in Covid related absenteeism.</p> <p>Potential inability to recommence day services due an increased risk of Covid</p>		Yvonne O’Neill



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	<p>with individual sites subjected to extreme pressure and associated risk. <b>CCO</b> agreed that having enough staff available to provide care to patients in acute settings is key.</p>		Dr Colm Henry
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><b>DMcC: Testing:</b>            Increase in positivity rates in the community - from 57% to 58% to 59% over the last three days.</p> <p>40K tests were completed yesterday (3<sup>rd</sup> Jan).            Unmet demand including demand for testing for patients of GP's continues.</p> <p>There is a high demand for antigen test kits for under 40's (launched 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec).</p>		Damien McCallion
<b>9. AOB</b>			
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<p><b>NCMT Covid 19 #111 Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 09.00hrs.</b></p>		