

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #115 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 15th March 2022 @ 09:00 hrs.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne O'Connor, COO; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Liam Woods ND Acute Hospitals; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Fran Thompson CIO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination & Test & Tracing Lead; John Swords, ND Head of Procurement; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Tom McGuinness, AND Emergency Management; Robert Morton, Director NAS; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Geraldine Smith, Internal Audit; John Kelly, Head of Corporate Affairs; Dr Máirín Boland, National Clinical Lead, HTEPP; Patrick Lynch, ND Governance and Risk; Mark Brennock, ND Communications; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr John Cuddihy, Director of HPSC.

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

Apologies: Joe Ryan, ND Operational Performance and Integration.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #115.</p> <p>NCMT – Due to the current epidemiological and healthcare position - the CEO indicated that NCMT meetings will continue.</p> <p>Communications – HSE to engage in public health messaging opportunities in the lead up/during St Patrick’s weekend.</p>		Paul Reid
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #114 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 15/03/22).</p> <p>Case numbers – 53,622 representing a decrease from 54,736 cases in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>5-day moving average: 5,045 compared to 3,268 in the preceding 14-day period.</p> <p>National incidence – 1,126 per 100k compared to 1,149 in the preceding 14-day period.</p>		Dr John Cuddihy

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 10 * *Provisional data may change, subject to validation. 183 new outbreaks in the last week. 45 in nursing homes. 5 in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 52 in residential care facilities. 21 in other healthcare services. 30 in acute hospitals. 15 in vulnerable populations. 15 in schools. 1 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Overall, the number of outbreaks have increased - the number of associated cases are small with generally mild symptoms.</p> <p>Hospital cases - 1,012. ICU cases - 42.</p> <p>NVRL (CDeG) has reported no indications of further variants of concern at this time.</p> <p>CH: Key issue is the Covid-19 impact on hospitals in terms of disruption and bed occupancy. A further impacting issue is the number of acute health care staff on Covid-19 related leave.</p>		<p>Dr Colm Henry</p>

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YON: The number of outbreaks has increased - with the number of associated cases reduced. A key issue is the increase in the number of staff on Covid-19 related leave.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Noted that hospital acquired Covid-19 cases have increased from 151 to 259 in one week.</p> <p>AOC: Continuing to see high hospital attendances, with some of the highest attendances ever in the last two weeks. The healthcare system is under considerable pressure.</p>		Liam Woods Anne O'Connor
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>DMcC: Noted that despite the change in guidelines, there remains a significant demand on testing. There has been an increase of 50% presenting for tests over the past two weeks.</p>		Damien McCallion
9. AOB			
	<p>CEO thanked Professor Martin Cormican for his remarkable and immeasurable contributions throughout the pandemic and wished him well in his new role.</p>		Paul Reid
NEXT MEETING			

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
	NCMT Covid-19 #116 Tuesday, 29 th March 2022 @ 09.00hrs.		