

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #82 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 6th April 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; Fran Thompson, CIO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Mark Brennock, ND Communications; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management.

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, Office for Emergency Management.

Apologies: Ann O'Connor, COO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #82.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #81 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>Epidemiological update. Apologies from KK and LD. Abridged Public Health Epi Update circulated via email this morning.</p> <p>7,935 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 32yrs. 73.5% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 166.64/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Offaly at 511/100K, Donegal at 286/100K and Westmeath at 258/100K. Hospitalisations: 330. ICU Admissions: 19. Deaths: 10. 320 new cases and zero death reported in last 24hrs.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 13 387 new outbreaks in the last week. 228 in private houses. 1 in nursing homes. 10 in hospitals (including 3 late notifications from earlier this year).</p> <p>23 Workplace Outbreaks.</p> <p>44 in schools.</p> <p>CH: new admissions per day just below 20. The R number is between 1 and 1.3 indicating steady state or slight growth. Brittany variant –concern regarding vaccination and PCR testing, government reviewing the mandatory hotel quarantine of travellers from France.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>Apologies from YO’N & AO’C. Note from YO’N re nursing homes circulated to team prior to this call. Item deferred until next week.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill/Ann O’Connor
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>Apologies from LW.</p> <p>PR: 261 hospital inpatients this morning. MC: New cases admitted to hospital over the weekend: 51.</p>		Liam Woods

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	<p>Majority of COVID-19 cases (88%) are concentrated in 4 hospitals in the East of the country, these areas are experiencing high case numbers in the community too.</p> <p>Number of staff on COVID-19 related leave remains low.</p>		
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing Walk-in Testing Centres: > 22,000 tests completed, with 506 positive cases (2.3% positivity). Majority of attendees are aged between 25-44 with highest positivity between those aged 15-24 (4.3%).</p> <p>Different levels of positivity at different sites. The results are being assessed and reviewed by Public Health. Reminder that this is not a population study of asymptomatic cases, as on questioning it has been discovered that not all those presenting are asymptomatic, or those presenting are close contacts of a confirmed positive case.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled with Public Health for later today to discuss future plans for walk-in testing services.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>Antigen Testing: Paper and FAQs on HSE's position on antigen testing being written.</p> <p>Tracing Source investigation started last week. It is hoped this should assist in reducing community transmission. Too early to know yet, data is being analysed.</p>		
9. AOB			
	None.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #83 Tuesday, 13th April 2021 @ 09:00.		