

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #83 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 13th April 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Ann O'Connor, COO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Fran Thompson, CIO; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; 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; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations.

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

Apologies: Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #83.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #82 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>LD: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Cases continue to decrease slowly. Vulnerable groups are of most concern.</p> <p>6,281 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 32yrs. 73.3% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 131.9/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Offaly at 278.3/100K, Kildare at 213/100K and Dublin at 207.2/100K. Hospitalisations: 239. ICU Admissions: 13. Deaths: 2. 394 new cases and zero death reported in last 24hrs.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 14 337 new outbreaks in the last week, of which 78 were late notifications from Dec 2020- Feb 2021 206 in private houses. zero in nursing homes or community hospitals. 3 in residential care facilities. 5 in hospitals. 16 were travel related. 12 in vulnerable populations. 18 Workplace outbreaks. 14 in schools. 1 in third level education. 10 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Global Update USA, India and Brazil have the highest cumulative cases. USA, Brazil and Mexico have the highest deaths.</p> <p>COVID-19 Variants South African Variant (B.1.351) identified in 64 countries, including 46 cases identified in Ireland. Brazilian Variant (P.1) identified in 32 countries, including 19 cases identified in Ireland. There are other variants noted and under investigation, not identified yet as variants of concern.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO’N: 1 nursing home outbreak identified (notified after publication of Epi Report discussed above). Average of 2.1 cases per outbreak-greatly improved. Number of staff on COVID-19 leave is low. 4% of all residential care settings in outbreak. Serial testing in nursing homes has a positivity detection rate of 0.07% and 0.22% in mental health facilities. Guidance on vaccination of new staff and process of new admissions in residential care settings in development.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill/Ann O’Connor
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>MC: Improvement in hospital outbreaks, most outbreaks are occurring in two Dublin hospitals. These hospitals also have the highest COVID-19 admissions. Revision of nursing home guidance and nursing home visiting guidance underway, plan to complete this week.</p> <p>LW: COVID-19 activity is reducing. Private hospital capacity still being utilised, primarily in Dublin. Non-COVID-19 related activity increasing in hospitals.</p>		Liam Woods

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	<p>Non-invasive ventilated patients:150</p> <p>Meeting held yesterday with Nursing Union to discuss issues.</p>		
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing</p> <p>Walk-in Testing Centres: approx. 29,000 tests completed, with 768 positive cases (2.8% positivity). Majority of attendees are aged between 25-44 with highest positivity in younger age groups. Two static test centres will pilot walk-in tests along with referred tests, both these sites have drive-through testing. Public Health are reviewing more areas for walk-in testing. These areas may be selected for a number of reasons, e.g. areas with high prevalence, areas with variants of concern etc.</p> <p>Development of online portal for self-referral for testing in progress.</p> <p>Antigen Testing: Paper on HSE's position on antigen testing being finalised.</p> <p>Tracing</p> <p>Source investigation commenced last week. Data analysis commenced, more work required on data extracts to allow easier review of the data.</p>	<p>NO'B to send paper to PR.</p>	<p>Niamh O'Beirne</p>

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9. AOB			
	None.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #84 Tuesday, 20th April 2021 @ 09:00.		