

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #84 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 20th April 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Ann O'Connor, COO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; David Leach, AND Communications; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Fran Thompson, CIO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Martin Dunne, National Ambulance Service; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; 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: Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #84.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #83 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Cases continue to decrease.</p> <p>5,478 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 32yrs. 73.7% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 115.04/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 204.2/100K, Kildare at 200.9/100K and Offaly at 192.4/100K. North Dublin continues to experience high incidence rate. Hospitalisations: 206. ICU Admissions: 15. Deaths: 5. 403 new cases and zero death reported in last 24hrs.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 15 252 new outbreaks in the last week, of which 31 were late notifications from Oct 2020- Feb 2021 161 in private houses. 1 in nursing homes. Zero in community hospitals. Zero in residential care facilities. 5 in hospitals. 11 were travel related. 14 in vulnerable populations. 16 Workplace Outbreaks. 5 in schools. 2 in third level education. 11 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 Indian Variant has been identified in Ireland.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO’N: Zero outbreaks in nursing homes in the last 7 days. 3 in residential care settings. This is lowest number of outbreaks since pre-December 2020.</p>		Yvonne O’Neill/Ann O’Connor

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	<p>Vulnerable populations experiencing outbreaks, work ongoing re targeted interventions for these populations.</p> <p>Review of serial testing in nursing homes - letter from NPHET received and circulated yesterday.</p>		
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Open outbreaks: 26. Lab confirmed cases: 10. Acute beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 175. ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 48. Non-invasive ventilated patients: 168.</p> <p>Work on-going with private hospitals, particularly in Dublin and Limerick.</p> <p>Acute activity increasing, number of ED attendances increasing.</p>		Liam Woods
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing Walk-in Testing Centres: approx. 35,000 tests completed, with 977 positive cases (2.87% positivity). Positivity rates vary at each site. Some walk-in test centres will remain in some Dublin areas and new sites have been identified in other areas.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>Walk-in services now available at three static testing sites. Not possible to have this model at all static sites, as not all sites will be suitable to offer walk-in services - sites being reviewed. Self-referral portal for testing in development.</p> <p>Daily national positivity rate is 3%. It is expected that when serial testing in nursing homes stops, the national positivity rate will be impacted, as the volume of tests being carried out changes.</p>		
9.VACCINATIONS			
	<p>DMcC: Vaccination plan revised last week. Portal registration has commenced for 65-69 year olds - good response.</p> <p>Up to 26 vaccination centres will open this week, with remaining centres opening over the coming weeks.</p> <p>60-65 year olds can start registration from next week.</p> <p>Work on-going with GPs for vaccination of medically vulnerable.</p> <p>Significant logistics involved in Vaccination Programme.</p> <p>Dose 2 and completion of over 70's and healthcare workers' vaccinations ongoing.</p>		Damien McCallion

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	Discussion in media re changing 2 nd dose interval - no decision has been made to change this at present.		
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #85 Tuesday, 27th April 2021 @ 08:30.		