

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #85 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 27th April 2021 @ 08:30am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; 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; 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; 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: Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Stephen Mulvany, CFO.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #85.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #84 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>5,764 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 31yrs. 72.8% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 121.05/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 288.3/100K, Kildare at 209.9/100K and Offaly at 191.1/100K. Hospitalisations: 207. ICU Admissions: 14. Deaths: 6. 437 new cases and 1 death reported in last 24hrs.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 16 312 new outbreaks notified in the last week, of which 53 were late</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>notifications from between Dec 2020-Mar 2021.</p> <p>175 in private houses. Zero in nursing homes. 1 in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 5 in residential care facilities. 3 in hospitals. 12 were travel related. 10 in vulnerable populations. 9 Workplace Outbreaks. 3 in construction sector, testing continues linked to one of these outbreaks given the high number of cases linked to the outbreak. 31 in schools. 1 in third level education. 22 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 There is a process in place for sequencing and monitoring variants. Brazilian variant P1, 27 cases identified in Ireland to date. South African variant B.1.351, 71 cases identified in Ireland to date.</p>		

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	Indian variant B.1.617, 8 cases identified in Ireland to date. UK has seen a surge in the Indian variant.		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	AO'C: Low number of outbreaks with low number of people impacted.		Yvonne O'Neill/Ann O'Connor
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Open outbreaks: 21. Lab confirmed cases: 21. Acute beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 151. ICU beds occupied by COVID-19 patients: 48. Non-invasive ventilated patients (outside ICU): 162.</p> <p>Work on-going with private hospitals, particularly in Dublin.</p> <p>Trends remain positive but acute sector activity is being closely monitored to identify if the easing of some restrictions will have an impact on the hospital sector.</p>		Liam Woods
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing Walk-in Testing Centres: approx. 43,000 tests completed, with approx.1,400 positive cases. Positivity rates vary at</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>each site. Between 1,200-1,500 walk-in tests being completed daily.</p> <p>In recent days, there has been an increase in GP, school and close contact referrals for testing, with 11,000 referrals yesterday.</p> <p>Report being developed to capture the reasons why people are attending walk-in testing services - will be available this week.</p> <p>Antigen testing in schools, aim to commence in next 1-2/52.</p> <p>Online portal for self-referral for testing still being built and should be ready for use in May 2021.</p>		
9.VACCINATIONS			
	<p>DMcC: 1.4M doses have been administered, of which >1m are first doses.</p> <p>26 vaccination centres have now opened, with 4 more centres due to open this week.</p> <p>Work on-going with NAS providing vaccinations to people who are housebound. Call centre has been established to assist management of same.</p>		Damien McCallion

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	<p>Awaiting NIAC advice/report on use of Johnson & Johnson vaccination.</p> <p>Supply of vaccinations continues to be a challenge, which has an impact on operational planning.</p> <p>Report being collated to identify those who have tested positive for COVID-19 following vaccination.</p>		
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #86 Tuesday, 4th May 2021 @ 09:00.</p>		