

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #86 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 4th May 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; 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; 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; 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: n/a

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	The CEO opened NCMT #86.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #85 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>There has been a decline in hospital cases, but same decline is not evident in community cases, most likely linked to increased activity in communities i.e. return to schools and work.</p> <p>6,060 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 30yrs. 73.6% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 127.3/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 293.4/100K, Kildare at 238.6/100K and Westmeath at 190.4/100K. North Dublin continues to have the highest incidence rate. Hospitalisations: 215.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>ICU Admissions: 20. Deaths: 4. 402 new cases and 1 death reported in last 24hrs.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 17 298 new outbreaks notified in the last week, of which 35 were late notifications. 173 in private houses. Zero in nursing homes. Zero in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 6 in residential care facilities. 1 in hospitals. 6 were travel related. 19 in vulnerable populations, including 19 Workplace Outbreaks. 29 in schools. 14 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>COVID-19 Variants Brazilian variant P1, 28 cases identified in Ireland to date. South African Variant B.1.351, 71 cases identified in Ireland to date. Indian variant B.1.617, 10 cases identified in Ireland to date.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>AO'C: Continued reduction of outbreaks. No new outbreaks in last 7 days, with 1% of nursing homes now experiencing outbreaks, a significant reduction.</p> <p>A proposal has been prepared with plan to reduce serial testing in nursing homes.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill/Ann O'Connor
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: Emergency Department activity is increasing, high attendances.</p> <p>COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital: 140.</p> <p>MC: Hospital Acquired Infection (HAI) for week beginning 25/04/21: 7, this is the lowest number in 6/12.</p> <p>Serial testing in acute hospital setting also being reviewed to reduce same.</p>		Liam Woods
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing: In the last 24hours Dublin test centres have seen a positivity rate of 12%, and Donegal has seen a positivity rate of 11%. Dublin's weekly positivity rate is now 8% and Donegal's is 10%.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p>Positivity rate over last 7days in: Community testing sites: 6.7% Acute settings testing: 0.8% Serial testing (overall): 0.3%</p> <p>Travel: Tests for those travelling into the country on day 5 commenced last Monday.</p>		
9.VACCINATIONS			
	<p>CH: NIAC have made recommendations on Johnson & Johnson vaccine and vaccination of pregnant women. Plan in development for vaccination of vulnerable populations.</p> <p>FT: Portal for registration for vaccinations for 59yo. has opened this morning, 10,000 people have registered on the portal this morning, approx. 200 people/minute</p>		Damien McCallion
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	<p>NCMT #87 Tuesday, 11th May 2021 @ 09:00</p>		