

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #87 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 11th May 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Ann O'Connor, COO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; 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; 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; 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: Paul Reid, CEO; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care.

Topic	Discussion	Action	Owner
1. INTRODUCTION			
	Ann O'Connor opened NCMT #87.		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #86 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	8 actions open, all being progressed. No issues to report.		Dr Trish Markham
4. NCMT ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>KK: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Hospital and ICU cases declining. Case numbers are static.</p> <p>6,144 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 29yrs. 76.8% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 129.03/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 260.7/100K, Kildare at 250.8/100K and Westmeath at 201.6/100K. Hospitalisations: 155. ICU Admissions: 9. Deaths: 5. 381 new cases and zero deaths reported in last 24hrs.</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Kevin Kelleher

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	<p>Outbreaks - Week 17 311 new outbreaks notified in the last week, of which 27 were late notifications, which occurred between December 2020 and March 2021. 167 in private houses. 1 in nursing homes. Zero in community hospitals/long-stay unit. Zero in residential care facilities. 1 in hospitals. 9 were travel related. 10 in vulnerable populations. 17 Workplace Outbreaks. 61 in schools. 7 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology USA, India and Brazil have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths.</p> <p>COVID-19 Variants Brazilian variant P1, 28 cases identified in Ireland to date. South African variant B.1.351, 72 cases identified in Ireland to date.</p>		
6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	YO’N: 2 outbreaks in last 7days. On average 3 people affected/outbreak.		Yvonne O’Neill/Ann O’Connor

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	<p>Serial testing in nursing homes is in its final round. Communications with stakeholders at various facilities, where that facility meets certain criteria to cease serial testing.</p>		
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	<p>LW: COVID-19 cases admitted to hospital: 104. Hospital Acquired Infection-COVID-19: 2 Open Outbreaks:12 Lab confirmed cases: 7</p> <p>Awaiting guidance on pregnant healthcare workers and vaccination of pregnant healthcare workers. A risk based approach will be taken by the manager and Occupational Health Dept.</p>		Liam Woods
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing: Referrals similar to last weekend. Positivity level is reducing.</p> <p>Phone call to positive cases on day 4 to reiterate public health advice.</p> <p>Online referral for testing should be available in the next 1-2/52. People travelling into the country will be able to book a day 5 test.</p>		Niamh O’Beirne

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	An additional walk-in centre opening in Donegal. Work in progress for location of next set of walk-in test centres.		
9.VACCINATIONS			
	<p>DMcC: 1.9M vaccinations administered, 0.5M people fully vaccinated. 230,000 vaccines administered last week.</p> <p>GPs continue to administer 2nd dose to >70yo and medically vulnerable. Some hospitals completing high risk groups.</p> <p>Vaccination centres: 2 more to open, one in Drogheda and one in South East.</p> <p>Target of administering first vaccine to 80% of adults by end of June 2021, awaiting NIAC updated guidance which may impact on reaching this aim.</p> <p>Most sites have completed the vaccination of registered 60-69yo, some sites still to finish, hope to complete this week. A number of sites have commenced vaccinations of those in the 50-59yo group.</p> <p>Engagement with community Pharmacies to assist in administering vaccinations ongoing, awaiting NIAC guidance on vaccinations as J&J and AZ</p>		Damien McCallion

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	vaccines more suitable for Pharmacies due to cold storage issues.		
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #88 Tuesday, 18th May 2021 @ 09:00		