

**Meeting:** National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #88 COVID-19.

**Date:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 08:30.

**Members:** Paul Reid, CEO; Ann O'Connor, COO; Anne-Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; John Kelly, Corporate Affairs; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Affairs; Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Mark Brennock, ND Communications; 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; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; John Cuddihy, Director of Public Health (for Lorraine Doherty).

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

**Apologies:** Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC.

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<b>1. INTRODUCTION</b>			
	<p>The CEO opened COVID-19 NCMT #88.</p> <p>COVID-19 NCMT #88 originally scheduled for 18/05/21 was deferred to today 25/05/21.</p>		
<b>2. PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>			
	Minutes of NCMT #87 approved.		Sinéad Fox
<b>3. NPHET ACTION LOG</b>			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
<b>4. NCMT ACTION LOG</b>			
	No update.		Dr Trish Markham
<b>5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE</b>			
	<p>JC: Epidemiological update.</p> <p>Number of new cases appears stable. Highest case numbers now in the younger age groups.</p> <p>5-day moving average of 445 cases.</p> <p>Mean age 30yrs. 88% of cases &lt;45years. 3% of cases &gt;65 years. National incidence rate of 129/100K. Counties with highest 14-day incidence rate are Donegal at 250/100K, Limerick at 185/100k, Kildare at 183/100K,</p>		Dr John Cuddihy

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	<p>Dublin at 179/100K and Offaly at 171/100K.</p> <p>187 healthcare worker cases.</p> <p>4.4% positivity rate yesterday, compared to 4% a week ago.</p> <p>8 deaths notified to HPSC from public health department since Friday 14/05/21. Mean age of 67.</p> <p><b>Outbreaks- Week 19:</b>  21 in schools.  3 in childcare facilities.  1 in hotels.  1 in third level institution.  1 in direct provision.</p> <p><b>Variants of Concern:</b>  72 cases of the South African variant identified in Ireland, of which 8 were community transmission.  28 cases of the Brazilian variant identified in Ireland.  89 cases of the Indian variant identified in Ireland, of which 8 were community transmission.</p>		
<b>6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS</b>			
	AO'C: Concerns last week that the numbers of cases in community and		Ann O'Connor

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	<p>hospitals was increasing, this seems to have stabilised now.</p> <p>No outbreaks reported in nursing homes.</p> <p>Outbreak in direct provision centre, public health managing same.</p> <p>KK: Nursing home outbreaks have settled, with no active outbreaks at present.</p>		
<b>7. ACUTE OPERATIONS</b>			
	<p>JC: 127 COVID-19 inpatients at 08:00 yesterday (24/05/21), this had decreased to 97 inpatients at 20:00 yesterday evening. 44 of which are in ICU.</p>		Liam Woods
<b>8. TESTING &amp; TRACING</b>			
	<p><b>Testing:</b></p> <p>377 cases in laboratory yesterday. Laboratories are very busy, excluding the acute tests.</p> <p>All sites are now walk-in test sites, due to cyber-attack on 14/05/21.</p> <p>Positivity rates at test centre varies across different sites.</p> <p>15-24year olds have highest positivity rate of 5.4%.</p> <p>&gt;65year olds have positivity rate of 2%.</p>		Niamh O'Beirne

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	<p><b>Contact Tracing:</b> Close contact testing appointments have resumed for their day zero and day ten tests. This will assist with identification of these tests for data analysis.</p>		
<b>9. AOB</b>			
	Nil.		
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>			
	<p><b>NCMT #89 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021 at 09:00</b></p>		