

Meeting: National Crisis Management Team. Meeting #90 COVID-19.

Date: Tuesday 15th June 2021 @ 09:00am.

Members: Paul Reid, CEO; Anne Marie Hoey, ND HR; Dr Colm Henry, CCO; Damien McCallion, ND COVID Vaccination Lead; Dean Sullivan, CSPO; Joe Ryan, ND National Services; Dr Kevin Kelleher, AND Public Health; Dr Lorraine Doherty, CL HPSC; Mark Brennock, ND Communications; Dr Martin Cormican, National Lead on Infection Control; Ray Mitchell, Parliamentary Affairs; Sean Bresnan, ND Procurement; Stephen Mulvany, CFO; Tom McGuinness, AND National Emergency Management; Yvonne O'Neill, Community Operations; Stephanie O'Keeffe, for Niamh O'Beirne; Robert Kidd, for Liam Woods.

In Attendance: Dr Trish Markham, National Office for Emergency Management; Sinéad Fox, NiSRP Programme/NCMT Secretary.

Apologies: Liam Woods, ND Acute Operations; Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain, National Lead Integrated Care; Niamh O'Beirne, HSE EMT.

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1. INTRODUCTION			
	<p>The CEO opened NCMT #90.</p> <p>COVID-19 NCMT #90 originally scheduled for 08/06/21 was deferred to 15/06/21.</p> <p>Important to keep alert for any early warning signs of changes in any of the COVID-19 key metrics, particularly with the increase in cases with the Indian/Delta variant.</p>		
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES			
	Minutes of NCMT #89 approved.		Sinéad Fox
3. NPHET ACTION LOG			
	Review of actions deferred.		Dr Trish Markham
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5. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE			
	<p>LD: Epidemiology Update.</p> <p>4,989 cases over last 14-day period. Median age 25yrs. 83.5% of cases <45yrs. National incidence rate of 104.8/100K. Counties with the highest 14-day incidence rate are Limerick at</p>		Dr Lorraine Doherty & Dr Colm Henry

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	<p>418.2/100K, Carlow 172.1/100K and Donegal at 167.1/100K. Hospitalisations, ICU Admissions and Deaths data not available due to the cyber-attack. 242 new cases reported in last 24hrs.</p> <p>Outbreaks - Week 22* *Provisional data, may change, subject to validation 128 new outbreaks notified in the last week. 1 in nursing homes. Zero in community hospitals/long-stay unit. 2 in residential care facilities. zero in hospitals. 8 were travel related. 7 in vulnerable populations. 39 Workplace Outbreaks. 50 in schools. 6 in childcare facilities.</p> <p>Global Epidemiology USA, India and Brazil have the highest number of cumulative cases and cumulative deaths. USA has one of the highest uptakes of vaccines.</p> <p>COVID-19 Variants</p>		

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	<p>Brazilian/Gamma variant P1, 29 cases identified in Ireland to date. Remains stable.</p> <p>South African/Beta variant B.1.351, 72 cases identified in Ireland to date. Remains stable.</p> <p>Indian/Delta variant B.1.617.2, 139 cases identified in Ireland to date. 49 are travel related and 51 are close contacts, cases are primarily in Dublin.</p> <p>The Delta variant is being monitored closely. There have been 111 cases in Northern Ireland. This is now the main variant in the UK. This variant is associated with 40% increase chance of being hospitalised. Indications are that these are primarily unvaccinated or those with one dose of vaccine.</p> <p>As it takes time to genome sequence the samples the number of cases may be higher than 139, there are a number of cases under investigation. Public Health working closely with Northern Ireland and UK colleagues.</p>		

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6. COMMUNITY OPERATIONS			
	<p>YO'N: There was one outbreak in a nursing home, small number of cases associated with this outbreak. Investigations continue.</p>		Yvonne O'Neill
7. ACUTE OPERATIONS			
	No issues raised.		Robert Kidd
8. TESTING & TRACING			
	<p>Testing & Tracing: Pop-up test centres still in use. Testing numbers remain stable. Busy day in testing centres yesterday. Good turnaround times for test results.</p> <p>Awaiting announcement from government regarding those travelling into Ireland from the UK.</p> <p>Leaving Certificate exams ongoing- contact tracing guidance has been given to those who are isolating and when they can return to exams.</p> <p>Schools testing has declined since post-primary schools have closed for summer holidays.</p> <p>Flight testing has increased to 3.5/day.</p>		Stephanie O'Keefe

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9.VACCINATIONS			
	<p>DMcC: UK are delaying their 're-opening' date in order to vaccinate more people. Discussions ongoing with Irish government re next phase of 're-opening' in Ireland.</p> <p>Communications campaign ongoing for vaccination second dose. Plan to meet with CMO to ask that he discuss the importance of second dose of vaccinations during his communications.</p>		Damien McCallion
10. AOB			
	Nil.		
NEXT MEETING			
	NCMT #91 Tuesday, 22nd June 2021 @ 08:30.		