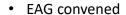


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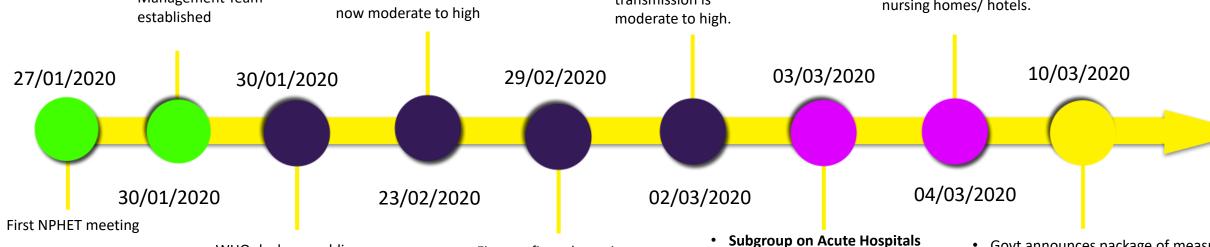
HSE Crisis
 Management Team
 established

ECDC advise threat now moderate to high

ECDC confirms risk of widespread sustained transmission is moderate to high.

Subgroup Meeting 1

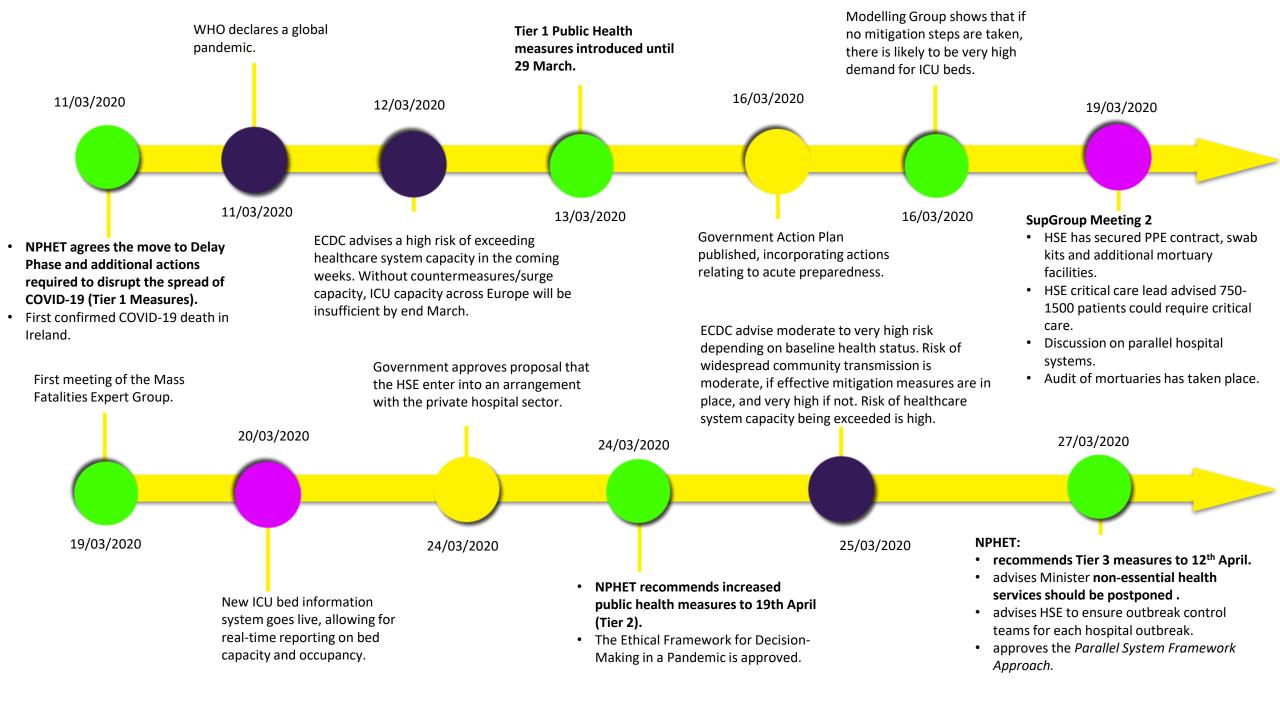
Discussions on: NAS home testing, business continuity, mortuaries, potential role of private hospitals, potential to increase ICU and isolation facilities, potential discharges to nursing homes/ hotels.



WHO declares public health emergency of international concern.

First confirmed case in the Republic of Ireland

- Subgroup on Acute Hospital Preparedness established
- Funding for additional ICU capacity approved following consideration of a HSE proposal.
- Govt announces package of measures incl additional funding for HSE and social welfare provisions.
- NPHET confirms that people who test positive, but are otherwise well, will not be brought to hospital.



NPHET approves SubGroup Papers:

- "Protection of Critical Essential Acute Care During Covid Pandemic"
- "Measures for Disease Management–Acute Hospitals" 02/04/2020 30/03/2020
- · NPHET notes increased cases and clusters in LTRCs and hospitals.
- HSE to deploy an integrated outbreak crisis management response across LTRCs, home support and acute hospitals.

SubGroup Meeting 4

- Surge capacity discussed.
- Noted NAS Protocol36 and RCS testing
- Behavioural Change Subgroup to hold focus groups on reasons for hospital avoidance.

10/04/2020



31/03/2020

SubGroup Meeting 3:

- Updated on surge plans, ventilator/oxygen supply and capacity.
- IPC and importance of protecting timesensitive non-Covid procedures discussed
- Comms agreed to encourage non-Covid patients to attend hospital when necessary.
- Ethical Framework for Critical Care Resource Prioritisation discussed.

Chair of the Subgroup writes to HSE ND. Acute Operations, re: implementing "Protection of Critical Essential Acute Care During Covid Pandemic" and "Measures for Disease Management-Acute Hospitals."

DOH engaging with HIQA to review IPC preparedness in acute hospitals.

03/04/2020

ECDC advise risk of severe disease is moderate for the general population and very high for populations with risk factors.

08/04/2020

16/03/2020

NPHET recommends extension of Tier 3 measures to 4 May 2020.



RCSI draft proposal on surgical

21/04/2020

Subgroup Chair issues letter to HSE ND, Acute Operations on IPC, following HIQA desktop review.

22/04/2020

Subgroup Chair writes to:

- President of RCSI, accepts offer to model unmet surgical need.
- HSE ND, Acute Operations, re: the need for clear direction to Hospital Groups on surgical prioritisation.

24/04/2020

30/04/2020

Subgroup meeting on protection of essential non-covid care

Updates given on:

- · essential time-critical care
- future ICU capacity and requirements
- private hospitals

NPHET discusses HIQA desktop review of IPC in acute hospitals which identifies areas for attention.

ECDC advise risk is:

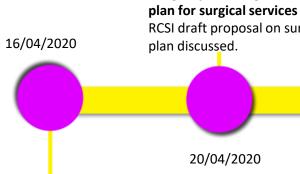
• low to moderate (if physical distancing is in place / community transmission is low);

23/04/2020

· moderate to very high where physical distancing is not in place / community transmission is high and ongoing.

SubGroup Meeting 5:

Updates given on acute hospital capacity, PPE, oxygen/ventilators, staffing, IPC, long-term critical care capacity, protection of non-covid care, communications, the NAS and mortuaries.

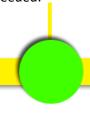


SupGroup advises NPHET of work on IPC, surge capacity and increased capacity.
 NPHET replaces recommendation to pause non-essential health services with recommendation that the delivery of acute care be determined by clinical/operational decision making. 12/05/2020

NPHET recommends that
Government reduce public health
measures in line with Phase 1 of the
Roadmap for Reopening Society &
Business.

Mass fatality Expert Group advised contract with additional mortuary storage space in Dublin and Limerick not be extended. Facilities can be restored at 72 hours if needed.

18/05/2020



03/06/2020

05/05/2020

14/05/2020

SubGroup Meeting 6 22/05/2020

SubGroup Meeting 7

Updates on capacity, equipment and PPE, staffing, IPC, future critical care capacity requirements, protection and delivery of non-covid care, the NAS and mortuaries.

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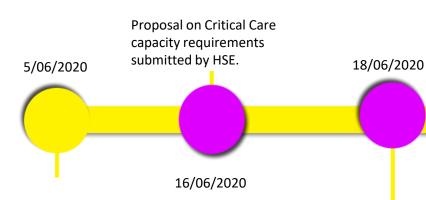
- recommends extension of Tier 3 measures to 17 May but increases 2k limit to 5k and eases cocooning advice.
- approves a Public Health Framework Approach to providing advice re: reduction of social distancing and other measures.

SubGroup Meeting with IEMAG on service demand modelling.

Discussion on critical care capacity a

Discussion on critical care capacity and elective capacity.

Updates on capacity, equipment and PPE, staffing, IPC, future critical care capacity requirements, protection and delivery of non-covid care, Paediatric Inflammatory Multisystem Syndrome, the NAS and mortuaries.



Government announces move into "Phase 2 plus" of the Roadmap for Opening Society and Business on 8 June, as well as the intention to rephase phases 3,4 and 5 into two phases.

Papers presented to NPHET on:

- the work of the Subgroup to date and planned next steps
- update on measures for disease management in Acute Hospitals.