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Dear Paul,

Arising from today's meeting of the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET), I wish to bring to your attention, as Chair of the HSE NCMT, the following decision of the NPHET which is now required to be actioned by the HSE, in close collaboration with the Department:

 The NPHET notes and supports the proposal to expand critical care capacity in acute hospitals for the delivery of COVID-19 care needs as well as non-COVID care and notes the intention to seek the necessary approvals through the normal processes.

For information, the NCMT may wish to note that following consideration of the current epidemiolocal and national data the NPHET recommends that Government give consideration to the reduction and adjustment of the public health measures, in accordance with Phase 3 of the *Revised Roadmap for Reopening Ireland* published on the 18th of June.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the wider team across the HSE for your ongoing support and work across the health and social care services as we move through the COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency. Officials from this Department have been and continue to be available to work with relevant HSE staff.

Yours sincerely,

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