

NI-Kol Minutes

14/3/2

LV, SC, AF, H = 'N. AS, SV, 2CMOs, DK

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Taiseach recognised two projections  
and not all going to be the  
same

Two outbreaks in ICUS without  
knowing the source

CMO -

largely around tracing  
at different places in terms of  
seeking to delay the virus  
- will consider the same measures

Within next 1-3 wks, steps to  
protect most vulnerable

Return to autumn surge plans next week

Bring forward medical + nursing registration

4 wks behind Italy trajectory

10-14 wks to peak

exposure → herd immunity →  
protective

Reduce peak too much → no herd immunity  
remove strongest measure → 2nd peak  
potentially in winter alongside  
seasonal flu

in contact with CMO 3-4 x/ day

SH

Can do things together at community level

? joint working on public health campaigns eg hand-washing  
Institute of Public Health - ? research  
Reorientating individuals' behaviour  
more important than some of measures

CMO

evidence not there re less gatherings  
not there, greatest risks smaller gatherings

SC

international travel - European  
flights could all be grounded  
People could be stranded

CMO

implications - eg O2 into Dublin

TH

Currently only 2% of suspected turning out to have Covid-19

Hard to explain re children

CMO -

? advice to help E cargo if not carrying patients

**COVID-19 NORTH SOUTH MEETING  
14 MARCH 2020  
NSMC JOINT SECRETARIAT OFFICES, ARMAGH**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**ARRIVALS**

**10:30-10:50**      Irish Government Ministers and officials arrive  
(An Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister for Health, CMO and Deputy CMO)  
First Minister and deputy First Minister and officials arrive  
(Minister for Health, Junior Minister, CMO and officials)  
Greeted by Joint Secretaries and escorted to delegation rooms/  
conference room

**MEETING**

**11:00**              Meeting- NSMC conference room

**12:30**              Meeting concludes- First Minister, deputy First Minister,  
Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister Harris, CMOs escorted to media  
opportunity.

**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

**12.45**              Press conference- (NSMC press room)

***Lunch available in NSMC***

**COVID-19 North South meeting**  
**14 March 2020**  
**NSMC Joint Secretariat Offices, Armagh**

Attendee List

Department of the Taoiseach

Leo Varadkar	An Taoiseach
Eamonn Molloy	Assistant Secretary, Department of the Taoiseach
Nick Miller	Government Press Secretary, Department of the
Taoiseach	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Simon Coveney	Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
Fergal Mythen	Director General, Ireland UK and Americas Division
Mark Hanniffy	Joint Secretary, South
Ruth Parkin	Director, Brexit and North South Coordination Unit
Sighle Fitzgerald	Deputy Joint Secretary, South
Barbara Cullinane	Director of Policy, Office of the Tánaiste
Chris Donoghue	Special Advisor to the Tánaiste
Claire Brosnan	Private Secretary to the Tánaiste

Department of Health

Simon Harris	Minister for Health
Dr. Tony Holohan	Chief Medical Officer
Dr Ronan Glynn	Deputy Chief Medical Officer
Jim Breslin	Secretary General, Department of Health
Sarah Bardon	Advisor to the Minister
Colm O'Conaill	Principal Officer

NI Executive Office

Arlene Foster	First Minister
Michelle O'Neill	deputy First Minister
Declan Kearney	Junior Minister
Philip Weir	Special Advisor to the First Minister
Deirdre Griffith	Private Sec to the First Minister
Stephen McGlade	Special Advisor to the deputy First Minister
Carol Morrow	Private Secretary to the deputy First Minister
Chris Stewart	Director, Executive Office
Donal Moran	Joint Secretary (North)
Erin Craig	Special Advisor