Medical Devices Criticality Assessment Group
Thursday, 23rd April 2020

Attendee:  
HSE: Fergal Collins, Emma Benton, Prof. George Mellotte, Ger Flynn, Brendan White, Prof. Ross Morgan, Dr. Vida Hamilton  
HPRA: Judith Martin, Niall MacAleenan, Nicola Hickie  
DoH: Colm O’Loughlin, Karen McNamara, Breifne O’Rourke, Mary Hyland

Apologies:  
HSE: Sean Bresnan, John Griffin, Dr. Michael Power, John Hennessy, Martin Quinlivan.  
DoH: Deirdre McCaughey

- Ventilators:  
  o HSE remains satisfied that the gap between the current stock of ventilators and estimated requirements in the event of a surge scenario will be bridged in coming weeks.  
  o Testing report expected from HSE with respect to ventilators from new suppliers not yet used in an Irish clinical setting.

- Estimated daily usage of surgical mask as per NPHET’s recommendation to provide masks to all health workers (22nd April) is 1.25 million.  
  o Supply chains are currently being reviewed in light of increased usage:  
    ▪ Potential domestic supplier being worked with.  
    ▪ Further candidates being worked on by Enterprise Ireland.  
    ▪ Sourcing in Asia for new supply lines underway.

- Testing: NVRL has validated machines and reagents from Asian supplier which can be used and are now being rolled out to hospitals.