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Subject: Re: OFFICIAL: Sunday Times request for comment Wuhan novel coronavirus

I suggest you change "touching" to "close contact". We do not know modes of transmission, may well be droplet or aerosols, in which case touching would prove with hindsight to be the wrong advice. Safer to cover all bases at this juncture when we know so little

Thanks

JVT

From: [Name Redacted]; [Name Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2020 12:36 pm
To: Van Tam, Jonathan; [Name Redacted]; Peter Morton; Yvonne Doyle; Nick Phin
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Subject: RE: OFFICIAL: Sunday Times request for comment Wuhan novel coronavirus

Dear all

Further to the discussion with Peter last night and this morning, we are seeking to finalise PHE's responses to the questions from the Sunday Times as we need to get these back by a deadline of 2pm. In response to previous comments, we have replaced the response to question 2 with the text suggested by Ruth, highlighted in red below. We have also changed the PHE quote from Nick, in answer to question 5 (again, in red below) to slightly clarify the hygiene advice and add a line, as suggested by JVT, about not visiting live markets and avoiding touching animals and ill people. This is based on the advice we have previously given to do with visiting areas affected by AI.

I would be very grateful if you could let me have any further comments or let me know if you are content with this response so we can get back to the Sunday Times.

Many thanks

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1. US airports now screening passengers for Wuhan novel coronavirus - has PHE instructed UK airports to do the same? If so, which ones, and when did they begin screening? If not, why is PHE not doing as the CDC has done?

[This question is for DHSC](#)

2. Have Public Health England identified any suspected cases of Wuhan novel coronavirus? If so, please provide details.