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CC: DoH Private Office [Private.Office@health-ni.gsi.gov.uk]
Subject: SUB-1973-2020: Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations.

Mark,

Many thanks, Ian and I spent most of yesterday on this given timeframes and you can appreciate there will be points of details as both David and you have already highlighted.

As Ian indicates in all but name a 6 week “lockdown” is now best and simplest from a HSC and wider health perspective.

In my view from a epidemiological perspective also best that churches move to individual prayer with significant restrictions on all social interactions save that which is essential.

In essence we need people to: stay at home except for healthcare, exercise and essential support needs; work, learn and study from home; no social mixing with some exceptions for funerals and wedding ceremonies only; outdoor exercise with limitation on number and social distancing and I agree individual indoor exercise with appropriate mitigations.

Michael

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Mark

If we could get a complete lockdown accepted, that would be best and simplest from an HSC perspective. I am conscious that FM has said recently that there would not be a return to complete lockdown, so I was trying to avoid that as a message.

Best wishes

Ian

From: DoH SpAd

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Thanks Ian. There was not any all any implied criticism for detail! There's much more in this than most would have been able to turn around in a day. Just trying to preempt what sort of questions we may be hit with either later today or tomorrow.

The first lockdown had one key and easily understood message - the stay at home one (with the usual caveats of exercise, essential shopping etc). Is it still too early for that do you think in this next big intervention? If the Exec were to agree to shut non essential retail and leisure, as well as the must work from home if possible order, then really we're not far off it.

Mark

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Mark

Apologies if not all detail is clear – we have been working very fast with limited resources. All areas are increasing so my preference is for NI wide restrictions – otherwise messaging becomes very complex. We need something very like the first lockdown.

Church services deliberately not mentioned. My preference would be to close except for individual prayer, but I am aware this may be a touchstone for some.

Leisure facilities should preferably close; only possible exemption individual indoor exercise.

The exemption for outdoor sports is intended to allow teams / coaches for elite level sport. No spectators.

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It is not possible to model non-hospital deaths in a meaningful way. Will depend entirely on how we manage to protect care homes and that is too unpredictable.

Ian

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Just a couple of points Michael/Ian, no need to take up any more of your Sunday by responding now but perhaps we could touch on some of the below quickly in the 2.30 pre-brief.

- Are each of the measures proposed predicated on an entire NI-wide basis? Suspect some Ministers will likely ask/push for the possibility for the exempting of areas with little transmission, Ards/North Down etc. If not feasible it may be useful having a line prepared as to why. The Boris 3 tier model to be announced tomorrow may embolden some to push strongly for it.
- I might be missing it but I'm not entirely clear from the recommendations what we're saying on church services. Whilst noting the limits on weddings and funerals, are church services up to 25 are still permitted? And if so does that include individual acts of christenings etc. Or is it a case that we're recommending church closures with only individual acts of prayer permitted?
- What are your thoughts on leisure facilities (as well as other council facilities)?
- Would large outdoor spectator events not be worth reviewing? Optics wise it would look strange that we're telling people they can't mix and should work from home and yet many hundreds can still go to a football or rugby match on a Friday and Saturday.
- Ian I appreciate it may be very difficult to ascertain but is there any modelling on non-hospital deaths?

Mark

From: **Name Redacted** <[\[Name Redacted\]@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:[Name Redacted]@health-ni.gov.uk)>
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Apologies – typo on the first page of the sub. Now amended.

Still waiting to hear back from FM's side – apparently her SpAds want to talk to Karen to see how far on she is with her paper before FM is in a position to a meeting today.

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From: **Name Redacted**

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Importance: High

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Please see attached joint submission and associated attachments from Ian and Michael:

- Modelling the course of the COVID epidemic and the impact of different interventions and recommendations.
- Annex 1 Cognisense attitude survey
- Annex 2 Adherence to TTP CORSAIR
- Annex 4 Segmentation – updated SPI-M-O Statement of Segmentation.

Grateful for consideration including the recommendations and advise if you wish this shared with TEO in advance of any meeting tomorrow.

Thank you

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