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**TO: EXECUTIVE COLLEAGUES**

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE**

You will have noted the Prime Minister's announcement this afternoon that social distancing guidance for England will be reduced to 1m from 4<sup>th</sup> July.

This is an important step for the hospitality and tourism industry in England, as well as many other sectors of the economy as they recover from the Covid-19 shutdown in a commercially viable way.

I would ask that the Executive urgently considers revising guidance for Northern Ireland at its next meeting. Reducing social distancing from 2m is vital for the recovery of our hospitality and tourism sectors, which have been hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I am copying this memo to the Attorney General, Departmental Solicitor's Office, First Legislative Counsel and to Executive Secretariat.

Yours sincerely,

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