

makes them more vulnerable to Corona, so better to avoid that?

[02/03/2020, 12:09:54] Patrick Vallance CSA: For % probability of RWCS we don't have a calculated figure and can't give one on the data we have. But Chris and I both think that looking at Wuhan so far the RWCS is relatively low probability, say 1 in 5 chance. But that is an impression not a calculation. Re flu jabs for the elderly it is too late for this season, most of them should have had it and it is too late to have any real effect in those that haven't

[02/03/2020, 12:11:46] David Lambert: We're double checking the doc/references

[02/03/2020, 12:15:26] Matt Hancock MP: On SSP I answered this on the floor of the House last Wednesday - self isolation for medical purposes counts as being ill for sick pay purposes.

[02/03/2020, 12:23:03] Emma Dean: Speaking to DWP colleagues, as Matt says I believe SSP isn't the problem. The challenge lies more with gig economy workers so we are working though that specific issue

[02/03/2020, 12:29:26] Emma Dean: We're working on a gig economy plan alongside DWP which we'll share

[02/03/2020, 16:21:29] Matt Hancock MP: FYI on school closures from PHE:

We have set up a schools helpline with agreed communications between PHE/DFE. Our joint statement is below:

Advice from Public Health England on whether it is necessary for education settings to close:

Even if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, it is unlikely that PHE would advise a setting to close completely. There are no health reasons why a setting should close unless there is a confirmed case AND PHE local Health Protection Teams have advised you that the setting should close. There are no health reasons why a setting should undertake a deep clean unless there is a confirmed case AND PHE local Health Protection Teams have advised that you undertake a deep clean.

The helpline went live at 12.00 today and we have a steady stream of queries and questions coming in.

DfE Regional schools commissioner teams are in touch with relevant Local Authorities to offer support and further guidance.

The RSC will speak with with any school when its closure is against PHE advice.

For context - there are 3 schools closed under PHE advice and 12 schools (we know of) closed outside of advice. There are 25,000 schools in England.

[03/03/2020, 09:01:41] Dom Cummings: Be prepared for PM Telling Cab that he thinks he's got Corona so that will be the story!

[03/03/2020, 09:03:05] Wendy DHSC Comms: My humour radar is off is this a joke?

[03/03/2020, 09:08:49] Jack Doyle: Ideally he would not do that

[03/03/2020, 09:13:53] Dom Cummings: No, he said after the mtng just now he feels like he's getting some sort of flu & asked for paracetamol -- he also visited the hospital Sunday and shook hands with everyone so he joked to PO that he probably has caught it

[03/03/2020, 09:15:09] Dom Cummings: This Singapore website is very good -- apparently created by a local data science company <https://www.wuhanvirus.sg>

[03/03/2020, 09:17:01] Dom Cummings: <attached: 00000095-PHOTO-2020-03-03-09-17-01.jpg>

[03/03/2020, 09:17:38] Wendy DHSC Comms: Let us look at this.

[03/03/2020, 11:50:17] Matt Hancock MP: Yes it's excellent. We are updating all the Gov.uk content - should learn & lift from Singapore example

[03/03/2020, 11:51:27] Wendy DHSC Comms: We are looking at this

[03/03/2020, 11:54:13] Matt Hancock MP: 🍊

[03/03/2020, 13:07:02] James Slack: The top of the BBC 1pm was v good.

[03/03/2020, 13:16:40] Dom Cummings: Lots of v g feedback on the format

[03/03/2020, 14:32:05] Matt Hancock MP: Yes it looked excellent & v much guided by the science.