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Subject: Social distancing

Dear both,

From multiple friends, colleagues and family, it appears that parks and shops have only seen small drops in attendance in London today. Less of an issue in central London from what I've heard - more in the boroughs (Clapham, Hackney etc). Shops arguably more of a concern. Long slow moving queues as people stock up.

I am hoping that there is more quantitative data to support or reject such first person reports, but I currently remain unconvinced we're really seeing a 75% drop in contacts outside the household, at least this weekend.

Given we estimate that it is likely that London ITUs will be full in <2 weeks, I think it may be necessary to force all but designated shops - at least in Greater London - to close in the next 24-48h to urgently ensure the sort of reductions in contacts we need. And perhaps even consider some degree of enforcement of "stay at home" recommendations.

All accepting you may have better and contradictory data (I hope so!). At the very least it needs real-time monitoring.

I'll send an update on ITU demand forecasts early tomorrow.

Best,

Neil