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- # Dom C <[redacted] I&S [redacted]@s.whatsapp.net> 18/3/2020, 8:13 AM
P — focus groups suggest our 'soft' measures on social distancing, not closing pubs etc but advising, is causing a lot of confusion. 'We're British we try to carry on, they haven't closed them and told us we can't' etc. I think today we shd say a/ all schools close early for Easter (we've lost NI and Scotland anyway and you think we shd do London), b/ in London, all pubs, clubs etc are ordered closed -- Londond lockdown. Everybody stay home other than essential XYZ from Sat. Outside Greater London cary on as we said on Monday. Try to smash this back in next 2 weeks, buy time then re-evaluate? ?
- U Unknown 18/3/2020, 9:30 AM
Yes. We need to have the effect on behaviour and if we are not then we need to go harder and make it clear we mean it
- # Dom C <[redacted] I&S [redacted]@s.whatsapp.net> 18/3/2020, 1:40 PM
No10 staff dropping with the two symptoms including Ben Warner. At least 2/10 key spads and 4 of top 20 people...
- U Unknown 18/3/2020, 6:59 PM
We have a big genomics consortium to track the genomics of the virus as it spreads. Will tell us a lot about spread and mutations. But in due course will tell us about susceptibility. It is world leading - I think we should do a bit of media around it
- # Dom C <[redacted] I&S [redacted]@s.whatsapp.net> 18/3/2020, 7:00 PM
cool -- lets announce in a no10 press conf -- PM can intro you all