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Thoughts – good luck, millions offering you advice!!! Personal views

In next 24 hours

- Act early and decisively
- o Open access to all the evidence being used within UKG
- o Shift in policy on social distancing with immediate effect and across all – working from home whenever possible, work places, mass gatherings, religious meetings, restaurants/bars/cinemas, public transport, advice to shops, limit number of people in shops and other places - etc,
- o Home quarantine for suspected cases and family for 14 days
- o “Shielding” of vulnerable populations
- o Economic support for businesses, self-employed etc – Fair and equity
- o If possible keep schools open until Easter (2 weeks) to avoid staffing issues within NHS – but within schools actions such as pushing hand washing, no assemblies, break up classes into smaller units, no gatherings etc etc
- o Massive increase capacity in the NHS
- o Massively increased diagnostic capacity
- o Support through G7 for R&D and Manufacturing of Diagnostics, Therapeutics and Vaccines
- Clear lines of decision making and control – may not be a time to keep a consensus if that means delaying inevitable decisions
- Increase the capacity, demands and expectations on DHSC, PHE, NHS and single line of decision making
- Wellcome’s support to take on some of these issues and deliver them
- Consider use of the Wellcome Gibbs building if needed for clinical facility – but such a decision would need to be made soon
- Shared ideas from the WH USA that I sent you earlier
- I believe these changes needed in the next 24 hours – doubling time now 2.5 – 3 days
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