

Centralised COVID Governance Minutes



Meeting Name: STAC

Date & Time: 01/06/2020 0800

1. Introduction and Status Update

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2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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3. Intelligence Update and Recent Changes

Minute	<p>(No Metrics attached)</p> <p>Current cases: 2 active [asymptomatic] cases, both are third generation</p> <p><u>Economic metrics</u> Estimated costs of lockdown included in the draft paper from MM. Looking at the UK for learning/comparisons. Approx £100million/month. Question posed by Chair: Is there a way of modelling the impact of pushing the move to level 2 back? The consequences are severe of lockdown. Income forecasting predicts a significant deficit over the next 2-3 years, lockdown has an effect on long term unemployment.</p>
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4. Items for Discussion

Minute	<p><u>Safeguarding</u> Multiple agencies have concerns that due to closure of youth centres, large groups of young people, including those known to be vulnerable are gathering in large groups at all hours of the day. This increases risk to their own safety and encourages antisocial behaviour and a potential increase in crime. Level 2 policy would include permitting youth and community centres to reopen Action: To be discussed at the next meeting with invitation to safeguarding representatives</p> <p><u>Public health strategy update paper</u> Continued time constraints to review and discuss detailed Testing at the airport has begun. This needs continued work to accommodate increased numbers of arrivals. It is possible that the available 500 tests per day will restrict testing elsewhere if numbers through ports increases. Question posed: Is there value or benefit to testing temperature to screen to reduce numbers to be tested? No: People with symptoms are asked not to travel and there is a low sensitivity to checking temperature and picking up of positive cases The possibility to hotels reopening for domestic guests was discussed. With conclusion that this could be explored as long as it was clear that it did not extend to guests from off island. Noted that although increasing arrivals to increase tourism from common travel areas this could negatively impact on the Covid-19 strategy. There is currently misalignment between the proposal to increase arrivals and the reopening of hotels happening at different levels</p>
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	<p>To maintain and grow public confidence: 1) arrivals to be screened 2) ability to effectively track and trace 3) aligned policy on reopening of hospitality Decision: The priority of facilitating testing at ports needs to be scaled up. Decision: More detail needs to be in place before any border changes are introduced.</p>
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5. AOB

Minute	<p>Question posed: At what point do we lift the requirement for PPE in clinical settings? Ongoing review as new evidence becomes available along with prevalence of case on island</p> <p>Decision: Internal comms needed to maintain staff awareness of why PPE must continue to be worn</p> <p>Question posed: The use of the 'delay' term worked initially but now should the term be re worded? There is a need for consistent terminology but changing this would support a shift in strategy through the levels. Discussion as to the appropriateness of applying the 3Cs to public comms: -closed spaces -crowded places -close-contact settings.</p> <p>Decision: Comms to be suggested to use the term suppress in place of delay. Action: Comms director to be invited to STAC</p> <p><u>Reopening of schools</u> Previous advice to be reiterated to support decision making by education</p>
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