

Covid-19 HCS STAC-Minutes



Meeting Name: HCS STAC

Date & Time: 11/05/2020 0800

1. Status Update

Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Previous minutes amended to correct inaccuracies and accepted-ToR reviewed some amendments to be made with core members and the guiding principles.-Discussion regarding membership and potential to expand membershipAction: Explore other members from public health-The reporting structure has been confirmedAction: Add reporting structure into ToR-Reiteration that STAC is advisory and not a decision making body.
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2. Intelligence overview and recent changes

Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion of trigger points to inform changes of practiceThere is difficulty in producing an exact RoSuggestion that individual cases are reviewed daily to inform managementLimiting factor is the ceiling of 60 tests per day that can be performed on islandDecision: Detailed case review going forward with concise data flow for succinct decision making.Action: IPAC and environmental health to form this group - Summary of the recent population based household surveillance was givenIdentified that change of methodology and time frame the representation of subjects was limitedThe potential for unlinked anonymous biochemistry is still validDecision: The surveillance design is to be revisited.Action: Any feedback from the ethics committee will come to STAC to inform ongoing discussion
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3. Issues for discussion

Minute	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Borders paper presented Future travel policy to include foreign jurisdictionsWhilst 14 day quarantine in place there will not be commercial transport operationsLatest travel update from the UK: it is expected a policy of self isolation and contact tracing on arrival. With a common travel area exemption, including Ireland and the Channel Islands.It has been made clear that our own border control must stay in place.Need to clarify definition of being 'recovered' from Covid-19+veNeed to consider the issue of reciprocal travel for Jersey residents that need to travel to the UK to be able to apply the same rules on return.Question whether would be preferred to aim to eliminate on island before opening borders.Serology testing will play a part, but there are inherent issues with this to take into consideration
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	<p>Suggestion to move towards the term to 'interrupt transmission' to better reflect the situation</p> <p>Decision: Work towards interrupting transmission before opening borders</p> <p>Action: To summarise and advise on how this can be managed</p>
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4. AOB

Minute	<p>Need to begin understanding the longer term impacts of the management of Covid-19.</p> <p>Must continue to manage chronic conditions and monitor non Covid related deaths and diagnostic activity</p> <p>Communication to the public could be clearer and supported with more information Action: will continue to work with the communications team to promote a few key messages</p> <p>A question has been raised as to if air conditioned buildings can increase risk of transmission. Action: Environmental health to review the evidence</p> <p>Could any resources to support and contribute to the public health strategy be identified</p>
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