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To: National Focal Points for Preparedness and Response

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Dear National Focal Points for Preparedness and Response,

We would like to thank you for your valuable feedback. We sincerely appreciate your time and effort to reply to the questionnaire on contact tracing during such a challenging period.

As a result of the consultation with all EU/EEA countries and UK, we have just published the following report Contact tracing for COVID-19: current evidence, options for scale-up and an assessment of resources needed.

Moreover, the assessment of the needs allowed us to identify several areas where further EU level support could help countries in relation to contact tracing. These results are not published, however they are well noted and ECDC will continue to take these into account. Some of the main identified areas where we are already looking to provide support are quality indicators and data analysis and training on the contact tracing management software GoData. ECDC is also involved in work with the eHealth Network and the European Commission on the use of mobile apps for contact tracing. Finally, we also aim to facilitate the exchange of experiences among countries on procedures and good practices.

We hope you will find the report useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or remarks.

With kind regards,
(10)(2e), (10)(2e) on behalf of the ECDC COVID-19 team

From: Preparedness and Response
Sent: 14 April 2020 22:38
To:
Subject: FOR YOUR ACTION: COVID-19 contact tracing resources - short questionnaire on country capacities

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Dear National Focal Points for Preparedness and Response,

I hope this email finds you all well and that you have been able to enjoy some rest during the holiday week.

Contact tracing is a key component of public health strategies for the control of the COVID-19 outbreak. ECDC is working closely with the European Commission to support EU/EEA countries in their efforts to further strengthen contact tracing capacity.

Through a short questionnaire, we want to understand more about the resources needed to undertake contact tracing during the different stages of the epidemic. We are also keen to identify ways in which contact tracing capacities could be increased (for example using volunteers instead of healthcare workers, mobile apps etc) and to identify examples of good practice, training modules, templates or other tools which could be helpful for and be shared with other countries.

This information will help us identify areas for further strengthening of contact tracing activities in Member States as the epidemic evolves.

We know these are challenging times and we highly appreciate your contribution. We would be grateful if you could answer the below seven questions and email your responses to [(10)(2e)]@ecdc.europa.eu (here in copy as well) **by the end of Friday 17th April.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further clarification.
With kind regards,
(10)(2e), (10)(2e) on behalf of the ECDC COVID-19 team

Question	Answer
1. Has contact tracing been undertaken in your country as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak? **If yes:**	
a. How are you currently conducting contact tracing?	
b. Are contacts tested for SARS-CoV-2 as part of the contact tracing?	

2. What are your plans for contact tracing during a de-escalation phase (e.g. when control measures are lifted)?	
3. Do you have sufficient resources to conduct contact tracing during a de-escalation phase (e.g. when control measures are lifted)?	
a. If not, what resources do you need?	
4. How could ECDC or the European Commission provide support in relation to contact tracing?	
5. Do you use any specific tools to collect data (e.g. excel, GoData, etc.)?	
a. If yes which one(s)?	
6. Do you have any tips for efficient contact tracing that may be useful for other countries?	
a. If yes, please provide details.	
7. Do you have any training material or templates that you would be willing to share?	
a. If yes, please provide details.	

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