

participating countries would provide further details around local data available specific to the questions outlined in the protocol and share any relevant analyses they had undertaken and were able to share. Any further feedback on the protocol was also welcomed.

I would like to thank you all for your time and support of this work. I will be in contact in the coming days with details of our next meeting.

Best wishes,

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Subject: Meeting to discuss next steps for analysis of contact tracing data across Europe

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to a call to discuss the next steps regarding the project to analyse contact tracing data. We have scheduled a Webex call for next Tuesday at 3pm CET (please see details below).

Our aim with this project is to work with a small group of countries, in collaboration with our colleagues at WHO Europe, to explore contact tracing data and obtain some empirical evidence from this data to help answer four key questions outlined in the protocol that we revised and simplified based on your feedback (see enclosed):

1. Can the recommended quarantine period be shortened without doing a test to release people from quarantine?
2. What settings, situations, or specific groups have a particularly high risk of transmission?
3. When is transmission risk highest relative to symptom onset?
4. What is the length of duration of exposure that provides the highest risk of transmission?

There is considerable interest in the results of this analysis and it is hoped that the outcomes of this work will provide a deeper understanding of epidemiological situation of COVID-19 and yield some important evidence to inform policy and practice.

The draft agenda for the meeting next week is

- Introductions
- aims/objectives of project
- protocol and data
- outcomes (technical report/publication)
- timelines

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your collaboration on this project.

With best wishes,

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