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Instructions for self-classification of areas of COVID-19 community transmission in EU/EEA countries

Background

In an extraordinary meeting of the ECDC Advisory Forum on 2nd March 2020, it was agreed that EU/EEA Member States would move toward a system of self-declaration of areas with ongoing community transmission of COVID-19 so as to allow other Members States to adapt their travel-based testing approaches in the ongoing outbreak.

Reporting process

In the excel file that accompanies this document ECDC provides a template based on the EMMA mapping tool enabling countries to report the areas within their own country **where community transmission of COVID-19** is currently ongoing at the administrative NUTS level that suits best their situation.

Frequency of reporting

Please fill in this excel file according to the instructions below and return it: 1) to 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu and 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu or 2) upload it to EWRS.

ECDC will share the collated data with all Member States and, if you agree, publically. After that and in order for ECDC to provide valid up-to-date information to our stakeholders, we would ask Member States to update this document as frequently as the situation changes in your country.

Instructions

1. Open the file that accompanies these instructions "self-classification of COVID-19 transmission areas.xlms" and, if prompted, enable macros.
2. Click on the tab "CSVforEMMA"
3. Click the option "Select Prefilled Template" (Figure 1)
4. Click the "Country templates" tab, and then "Europe" (Figure 2)

5. Select your country and the geographical level for which you want to report data (NUTS1, NUTS2 or NUTS3).
6. Click "Append to existing template"
7. In the column "Value_For_Map" fill in YES to classify the areas that you consider having community transmission of COVID-19 according to your local definition. (Figure 3)
8. Save the file with your country name (e.g. CSV_Austria) and send to 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu and 5.1.2e @ecdc.europa.eu as soon as possible. Consider posting to EWRS and providing your definition of community transmission, which will be included in the explanatory text.
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Please note that countries without any detected COVID-19 cases or with imported cases only need not fill in the excel file, but can email as above or notify in EWRS that no community transmission is detected.

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3