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Dear everyone

Covid19 Data Access

Further to my letter of 20 July, we have developed a tool called CO-VIS, which was demonstrated successfully to the membership of the Local Government Design and Outbreak Management Working Group on Friday last. This aims to support Directors of Public Health to visualise and undertake spatial analysis of the data that you are receiving on a daily basis.

We have also been extending a model of locally supported contact tracing, developed initially with Leicester, and subsequently by Blackburn with Darwen and Luton, which brings local knowledge and insights to the challenge of case finding. We are supporting the work of Local Authorities on the COVID-19 watch list to develop this capability, along with a further 94 Local Authorities who have expressed an interest.

In partnership with NHS Test and Trace, we will shortly be inviting all Local Authorities to take part in webinar events to determine if they also wish to develop a local service and more on that to follow.

I hope that this further update is helpful in informing your local planning and outbreak responses.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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