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Sent: 20 December 2023 15:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: URGENT: WHO covid variant announcement.

Hi both,

Apologies for my delayed response, in agreement with the below.

Have a good Christmas and New Year 😊

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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Thank you! You too!

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Brilliant thanks, have a lovely break both if I don't speak to you :-)

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Hi [REDACTED]

I would agree with NHSI assessment there is nothing changed in the advice from WHO and we have the below in the NIPCM which is in relation to all suspected respiratory viruses alongside the respiratory assessment for placement of suspected or confirmed cases.

2.4 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

2.4.1 Surgical masks

A type IIR fluid resistant surgical mask should be worn when caring for a patient with a suspected/confirmed infectious agent spread by the droplet route.

Thanks
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Hi [REDACTED]

Any quick thoughts? I am thinking we are covered with what we have in place

Ta

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Quik thoughts...

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Hello [REDACTED]

As it happens, [REDACTED] discussed this very issue earlier today with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Their view was that the WHO position in relation to this COVID variant was not different to their previous position on variants of concern and that the advice in relation to HCWs was largely consistent with the NIPCM for England and our previously stated (and still current) position on universal masking being a decision for local organisations, based on local risk assessments.

Be good to hear from other countries what advice you have been given.

Thanks

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Hi all,

Just seen the WHO statement

worldhealthorganizationdepartmentofcommunications.cmail20.com/t/d-e-vkkjyud-jyyhcddb-f/ regarding the JN.1 variant

It describes the new JN.1 variant as a variant of interest and advises health workers and health facilities to:

- Have universal masking in health facilities, as well as appropriate masking, respirators and other PPE for health workers caring for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 patients.
- Improve ventilation in health facilities.

what actions are being taken – if any?

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Is WG guidance going out to health and social care to follow this advice?

Thanks

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