

**Subject:** RE: Joint ECDC and WHO/Europe teleconference on novel coronavirus; Friday 13 March at 14:00 CET

Dear National Focal Points for Influenza,  
 Dear Operational Contact Points for Influenza,  
 Dear Operational Contact Points for COVID,

*Cc: National Coordinators*

Thank you for contributing to the teleconference on Friday and apologies for the short notice. We would like to organise weekly teleconferences for the time being at the **same time each Friday (i.e. 14:00 CET). Please mark this in your calendars.**

We are attaching the presentation from Friday, including comments we received after the teleconference, as well as the surveillance strategy, the reporting protocol and the csv files. Following the discussions at the teleconference, we plan to organise a very short survey with the aim to understand how many countries are recommending that persons with acute respiratory infections do not visit general practitioners as this will impact the ability to use sentinel systems to understand the level of community spread.

#### **TESSy reporting**

The new case-based recordtypeversion, NCOV recordtype version 2 has been implemented in TESSy. The recordtype also implements the variables requested by WHO in the updated case report form and we have tried to simplify as much as possible. If the full dataset cannot be collected, you can also report only the mandatory variables which we think are the key ones to analyse (DateUsedForStatistics, Age, Classification, IntensiveCare, Outcome, PlaceOfInfection, Precondition, RespSupport). You can report "UNK" for almost all of these.

We have also implemented an aggregated recordtype: NCOVAGGR. This recordtype includes the variables for aggregate reporting of cases once a country stops case-based data collection, as well as variables related to COVID-19 testing overall, in sentinel sites and for hospitalised/ICU SARI patients. A variable on the level of transmission of COVID-19 at NUTS1 level will be implemented next

week (more details below). This recordtype implements the WHO requirements for aggregate reporting.

As described in the reporting protocol, we would like to ask you to report data as follows:

1. Case-based data with at least with the mandatory variables for as long as feasible
2. If reporting case-based data, please also report aggregated data *only* for the variables relating to SARI, sentinel surveillance and total number of samples tested and eventually the level of transmission at country level
3. If you have stopped collecting case based data, report *all* the variables in the aggregated recordtype.

**Global aggregate reporting**

WHO is starting to collect aggregated data on daily and weekly case numbers and deaths as well as the status of transmission of COVID-19 in the country. We have discussed with our colleagues in Copenhagen and agreed that ECDC will report these data on behalf of EU/EEA Member States in order to avoid double reporting. We will report these data as follows:

1. Daily reporting: ECDC collects these data thanks to our colleagues working on epidemic intelligence. They are based on the data countries report on EWRS, on official websites and also in TESSy if these are up to date. We will send these data to WHO-Euro on a daily basis.
2. Weekly reporting: ECDC will send TESSy case-based data to WHO-Euro aggregated as required by WHO. For countries who do not report all cases in time, we will supplement these data with Epidemic Intelligence data (as for previous point).
3. When countries start reporting aggregate data to ECDC, we will send these data to WHO for both daily and weekly reporting.

We will update the reporting protocol in TESSy with these instructions. Please do get in touch if anything is unclear, we understand it is quite complicated. Many thanks to all for your collaboration and efforts,

Kind regards

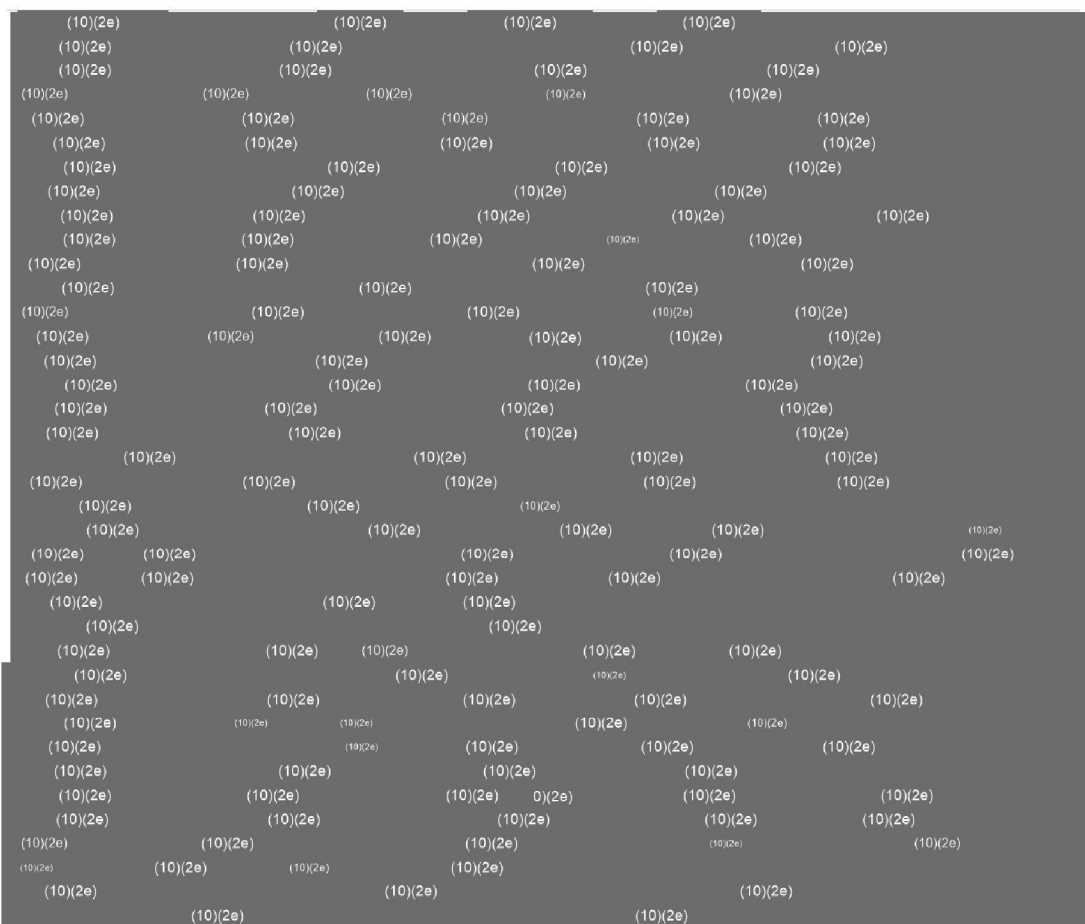
The ECDC and WHO COVID-19 teams



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ECDC and WHO/Europe we would like to invite you to participate in a network call on **Friday 13 March at 14:00 CET**. Below you will find the agenda and connection details.

We aim to send out a calendar invitation tomorrow morning, as we are currently experiencing technical difficulties with the calendar. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Agenda:**

- Declaring the pandemic (WHO/Europe)
- Risk assessment (ECDC)
- Mortality surveillance
- Global and European surveillance strategy

- Reporting to TESSy/HQ of case-based and daily/weekly aggregate data, suggestions for the way forward
- Experiences with sentinel surveillance and situation updates
- Laboratory supply shortages, update and survey results
- Feedback and discussion, AOB

**Connection details:**

Friday, March 13, 2020  
2:00 pm | (UTC+01:00) Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris | 1 hr

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Kind regards,

ECDC and WHO/Europe Influenza teams



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