Current ECDC activities and upcoming technical publications

Resurgence of cases and local outbreaks in the EU/EEA linked to occupational settings
Since the beginning of the pandemic, EU/EEA countries and the UK have reported 1 556 709 cases and 176 800 deaths, i.e. 15 % of the cases and 35% of deaths worldwide. After weeks of decreasing case numbers, several countries are now reporting a resurgence of observed cases or large local outbreaks. Some of those outbreaks have been linked to occupational settings like meat processing plants and mines.

While community transmission is still ongoing and therefore it is not unexpected to see a resurgence of cases following the gradual ease of imposed confinement measures, the role of different occupational settings in maintaining transmission or even further fuelling wider spread it less clear. This is one of the topics that ECDC is currently looking into, together with the Member States, with the aim to obtain a better understanding of the factors possibly contributing to the observed increase of cases. A respective technical report is planned to be published beginning of August.

Transmission in children and role of school settings
With the relaxation of confinement measures, the opening of schools and other educational settings raises questions about the role of children and school settings in transmission and the possible risks to students and staff for infection and disease. In liaison with the Member States, ECDC is assessing the available scientific evidence and surveillance data, and will publish a technical report beginning of August.

**Contract tracing**
The observed resurgence of cases stresses the need for a robust monitoring framework and an expanded testing strategy and contact tracing, as addressed by ECDC in its recent rapid risk assessment. ECDC has published a monitoring framework, and guidance documents on testing and contact tracing, and will update the contact tracing guidance by the end of August.

**Situation updates on COVID-19**
Situation update for the EU/EEA and the UK. Read more
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Data on the geographic distribution of COVID-19 cases worldwide. Read more
Data on country response measures to COVID-19. From 3 July 2020. Read more

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Videos on COVID-19 – What do we know about COVID-19. Read more
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Event background COVID-19. Last updated 2 July 2020. Read more

**Training**
ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA) – COVID-19 Micro learning for public health professionals. Read more
Online micro learning activities on non-pharmaceutical countermeasures in relation to COVID-19.
Event E-learning course. 20 Feb 2020 - 31 Dec 2020. Read more

**Additional Resources/Documents**
ECDC – website on COVID-19
ECDC – Threat Reports App
WHO – website with information and guidance on COVID-19
WHO – China joint mission on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
WHO – COVID-2019 situation reports
UNICEF – Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information Centre
European Commission – Coronavirus response.
Communication on the EU Strategy for COVID-19 vaccines – 17 June
EU Healthy Gateways – Published guidance and reports for COVID-19
EMA: European Medicines Agency - First COVID-19 treatment recommended for EU authorisation
EU-OSHA: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work – COVID-19 resources for the workplace

COVID-19 Online Libraries and search engines
LitCovid: curated literature hub for tracking up-to-date scientific information about COVID-19.
EPPI Centre: COVID-19: a living systematic map of the evidence.
Cochrane: Special collections on COVID-19.
Evidence Aid: Evidence Collection on Coronavirus (COVID-19).
COVID-AMR: Secondary infections, antibiotic chemotherapy and AMR in the context of COVID-19
COVID-19 Smart Search Engine: database with references selected by the WHO Global research list.