COVID-END Engaging WG update: (soft) launch of the COVID-END listserv

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Background & objective

- **Goal** of our WG is to: engage with institutions and people supporting decision-makers and provide them with information, tools and resources to facilitate a timely response to decision makers’ needs.

- One of our **mechanisms** is creating a platform for engagement beyond the COVID-END partners to facilitate discussions and exchange on supporting decision-makers to use evidence in their COVID-19 response:
  - Launch of the COVID-END community listserv on JISC

- **Audience**: COVID-END partners, but, more importantly, COVID-END community
  - A community of researchers and decision-makers committed to support sharing and co-ordination in order to enhance an efficient and equitable COVID-19 evidence response
  - You helped us identify the core of this community over the last weeks
JISC listserv / mailing list

- Settled on JISC as the technology option for the listserv
- Illustration of the following:

1. COVID-END listserv homepage / forum
2. How to sign-up to the listserv
3. How to participate in a discussion via email
4. How to participate in a discussion via the forum & and access the archive
Next steps

▪ Sign-up is open to COVID-END partners (see next slide)
▪ We appreciate test messages (and any other thoughts & suggestions) during the phase of soft launch until 17 July.
▪ We will start to set up the first two structured discussion topics in collaboration with other working groups in preparation for the formal launch on 20 July.
▪ Gradually adding colleagues from priority networks and organizations that have opted-in the listserv already over the next week.
▪ Formal launch / full opening of the listserv on 20 July.
Key links

- Sign-up: [https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?SUBED1=COVIDEND&A=1](https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?SUBED1=COVIDEND&A=1)
- Find the listserv home page: [www.jiscmail.ac.uk/COVIDEND](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/COVIDEND)
- Send a message for discussion: [COVIDEND@JISCMAIL.AC.UK](mailto:COVIDEND@JISCMAIL.AC.UK)
Many thanks!