



COVID-END

COVID-19 Evidence Network
to support Decision-making

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>
- Find the listserv home page: www.jiscmail.ac.uk/COVIDEND
- Send a message for discussion: COVIDEND@JISCMAIL.AC.UK

Many thanks!