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Dear Rhun,

Thank you for your recent written question asking me how the Welsh Government will keep the Welsh public informed about steps to measure COVID, given that the ONS COVID-19 infection survey, which is used as a basis for a Public Health Wales data table, is coming to an end.

The UK Government's decision to pause the ONS COVID-19 Infection Survey is unfortunate and I have written to the Secretary of State to express my concern and disappointment about the loss of this important piece of surveillance.

We are continuing to invest in our excellent wastewater surveillance and Public Health Wales' community and high-risk settings surveillance systems, including genomic sequencing. This will ensure we are maximising all the available surveillance opportunities available to us to closely monitor case rates and analyse data so we are able to respond quickly, should this be necessary.

Our Science Evidence and Advice Division publish fortnightly summaries of the latest public health situation, covering COVID-19 as well as other respiratory viruses, Strep A and Scarlet Fever.

Yours sincerely,

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