

WELLCOME TRUST COVID PRESENTATION BY ZOOM

As local neighbours to the Wellcome Genome Campus, you may be aware of some of the work that we are involved with in relation to the national Covid-19 response.

Whilst the majority of our staff have been working from home for nearly a year, a number of our scientists, researchers, technicians and estates staff have remained on Campus throughout, working to support our essential science and the national global health effort on COVID-19.

Our staff sequence thousands of virus genomes and use the data to inform public health measures and monitor for new variants of the virus. We also work to understand how the virus interacts with our cells, and to develop new diagnostics

Although Covid cases in the community are dropping, the demands on our science are continuing to increase, especially around identification of the variants and any possible implications on vaccines.

We are extremely proud of our contribution to the Covid-19 response and would like the opportunity to share our work with you.

We would like to exclusively invite the residents of Hinxton, Ickleton and Great Chesterford to an online zoom webinar.

The event will be on **Monday 22nd March from 6pm** where Jeff Barrett, Director of the COVID-19 Genomics Initiative at the Wellcome Sanger Institute, will talk about the Covid-19 work being undertaken at the Campus.

There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to ask Jeff questions. This should be a fascinating session which we hope many people will be interested in.

A link to the seminar is here:

<https://sanger.zoom.us/j/95331610796?pwd=MHpwT0U0dTByaEFhMFY3OHlrd3lrZz09>

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Webinar ID: 953 3161 0796

To facilitate our response to the pandemic, we will shortly be constructing a small temporary laboratory on the South of our site to accommodate the additional sequencing work.

We have designed and located this to minimise the impact to our neighbours but will also share details of the new space in our presentation.