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Mr Brian Dikoff, Migrants Organise  
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(By Email)

Dear Mr Dikoff and Ms Blair,

Thank you for your letter of 23 March to the Home Secretary. The Home Secretary has asked me to reply on her behalf.

I can confirm that, on Wednesday 17 March, we paused immigration reporting for all those who have a bail condition to present at a reporting centre or police station. We have taken a number of steps to communicate this.

An SMS text message was sent to those for whom we hold a valid mobile telephone number. This was followed by updating GOV.UK/reporting-centres with the current reporting position message and ensuring that our reporting centre contact details were available for use as an interim measure. We have also put up posters in the reporting centres themselves. We will continue to send SMS updates to those that we hold a valid number for, updating them on the current situation, including links where they can contact their local reporting centre should they need to. This is part of our plan to maintain contact with those who report during this period.

We have also taken steps to brief our other public facing departments, should a person who is required to report get in contact. They will be advised of the temporary suspension and asked to confirm their contact details. Where police stations have remained open to the public, they too will be delivering the message that the requirement to report has been suspended and those reporting should get in touch to update their contact details. Due to the significant constraints imposed on us by COVID-19 we are constantly reviewing the different ways in which we can communicate with people who are required to report. We have already seen an increase in people getting in contact to update their details.

We have, therefore, taken a number of steps to communicate this change to reporting as a result of Government guidance on COVID-19. If those with whom you come into contact and who are worried about missing an appointment could let us have an up to date telephone number then we will be able to maintain contact with them to update them on any developments. This can be done by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/immigration-reporting-centres>

*Yours sincerely*

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