

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 29/06/2020

HOURS: 16h-17h45

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	DECISION/TO DO
1. Approval agenda and report		
1.1 Report Previous meeting (<i>approval</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up: FWB would like to be in cc of the mails sent to the designated representatives to be invited to the round tables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report approved
1.2 Agenda (<i>approval</i>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda approved
1.3 RMG Dashboard (<i>information</i>)		
2. Situation overview (information)		
3. Prevention		
4. Surveillance and detection		
4.1 Indicator based monitoring and signal detection (<i>information – Sciensano</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document « Surveillance sur base des indicateurs et détection de signaux » presented gives an overview on sources, criteria, thresholds, signals, and actions if signal is confirmed for the surveillance through indicators and the detection of signals A document on the process on the identification of signals is currently being elaborated by Sciensano <p>Elements of the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gees has issued a 4-color code for schools; depending on the color code the schools know what to do; it would be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMG takes note of the document Indicator based monitoring and signal detection RMG looks forward to the document currently prepared by Sciensano on signal detection processes that will be put on the agenda of RMG this week

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	<p>interesting to have this for all sectors; however such approach might be not that easy to draft for all sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The process on the identification of signals is expected with impatience by the political level 	
<p>4.2 Centralised data flow (<i>information – Sciensano</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document « Flux des données centralisées chez Sciensano pour le suivi épidémiologique de l'épidémie de l'infection COVID-19 » presented gives an overview of all the epidemiological follow up done currently by Sciensano (goal, source, type of data, frequency, output) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMG takes note of the document on centralised data flow
<p>4.3 Detection and management of clusters in collectivities (<i>discussion/approval – Sciensano</i>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The document/ process « Détection et gestion des clusters Covid-19 » presented has been elaborated with health inspectors of regions. It's scope includes clusters in collectivities and communities (but family clusters are out of scope as they are already taken in charge by the contact center). Clusters can be detected through the Sciensano database / epistat and through the declaration of clusters by health inspectors in Epistat <p>Elements of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently it is legally not possible for Sciensano to have access to personal data of cases, such as their address which would allow a finer detection or clusters Epistat/ Database does not allow to detect clusters in non-structural communities (e.g. cluster in a religious community, in a scout camp etc.). For these clusters in non-structural communities everything depends on individual application of procedures in the community + on the health inspector making the links + contact center and the reporting of contacts through contact tracing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without further remarks by Tuesday June 30th, 12h, the RMG approves the document « détection et gestion des clusters de Covid-19 » and agrees to provide it to the IMC Health for its meeting on Wednesday July 1st. RMG will address the issue of a multidisciplinary working group on cluster outbreak management (to be set up by the crisiscentrum) on Wednesday July 1st,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the delay to have test results is longer than 24h an early warning system is necessary (currently 80% of test results from the clinical labs provided within 24h); this could be done through eform (data on test prescriptions); however a balance has to be found to not send too many wrong signals (currently 1% of people tested are positive); the new version from contact tracing platform will allow real time upload of test results, instead of once in 24h, which will also improve delays. • Regional health inspectors should do follow-up on all collectivities (not only elderly homes), as their competency is on communicable diseases in general, but is practically challenging . • The database Epistat gives alerts based on 3 criteria; these alerts are determined per postcode; however the data publicly available on the Epistat website is not available per postcode. • The process proposed by Sciensano on cluster detection is complementary to and does not change the cluster management and surveillance already done by health inspectors; on regional level a lot of procedures exist for collectivities (including for the management of clusters); the COCOM is coordinating a working group on measures in collectivities • Data from elderly homes: reflection on-going on how to relieve reporting burden for elderly homes • On political level the issue of cluster detection and management receives a lot of attention and concerns; the political level needs to be reassured that cluster management is under control (from the detection to the management), and that there is an integrated procedure integrating the work on federal level (Sciensano) and regional level 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link of outbreak detection and management processes to crisiscenter is still lacking; a multidisciplinary body should coordinate the cluster outbreak management 	
5. Health care		
6. Stocks and shortages		
7. Communication		
8. International		
9. Date next meeting / agenda (approval)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next RMG on July 1st, 16h with the agenda proposed
10. AOB		
10.1 External Borders: self-isolation	<p>The EU is currently discussing a white list of countries to be admitted to travel to the EU. This white list has been established based on criteria. Until now the measures included self-isolation for 14 days. The current discussion at EU level is to prolong or not this measure beyond July 1st. However, independently of the EU decision, every country can still take its own measures.</p> <p>Elements of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions whether the criteria are really respected Current discussion to impose self-isolation for travelers from outside the EU when arriving in Belgium (to be followed-up by Saniport). This is also a question of human resources to control measures at airports, train station (midi), seaports Self-isolation could be acceptable within a family context based on your own choice. In case of infection, the other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMG asks Sciensano to prepare a proposal of answer by Tuesday June 30th

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	<p>family members are close contacts who in turn have to be quarantined</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no comprehensive national legislation to make quarantine mandatory if you are not proven to be contagious • RMG is asked to provide a clear description on self-isolation. 	

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