

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

DATE: 24/07/2020

HOURS: 16h00-17h30

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	DECISION/TO DO
1. Approval agenda and report		
1.1. Report Previous meeting (<i>approval</i>)		<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)		
2.1 Epidemiological overview (<i>information - Sciensano</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sciensano developed an interactive map that shows confirmed COVID-19 cases at a local level. The map will be updated on a daily basis and contains cases of the fourteen days prior to actualization of the map; the map will only be available for the health inspectors normally in the course of next week. Starting from next week reunions will be organized wherein Sciensano and the regions will exchange information regarding the clusters (and best practices). In this manner, Sciensano will be able to report on the clusters. Although the data show the same amount of positive cases as in the start of the epidemic, it should be noted that now a lot more tests are performed (all symptomatic + contacts + travelers), whereas at the beginning, only severe cases were tested. 	<p>The RMG takes note of the online interactive map created by Sciensano, which shows an overview of the confirmed positive Covid-19 cases in Belgium at the local level.</p> <p>The RMG asks an regularly overview of the clusters, the source research and the approach of the regions in order to steer policy with specific targeted measures.</p>

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<p>2.2 Feedback NVR (<i>information</i>)</p>	<p>The main items discussed in the context of the most recent National Security Council were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No phase 5 measures as f.e. no increase of the maximum amount of people allowed at events (indoor and outdoor); • Broadening of the compulsory wearing of a mask • Mandatory registration of clients in restaurants (and bars) • Earlier closing hour for night shops (22.00). • Request aimed at mayors to heighten awareness and take local initiatives (in a coherent manner) • No change regarding personal 'contact bubbles' <p>The digital PLF appears to be near completion. This digital form will allow to more adequately trace and notify individuals returning from abroad (cfr. red zones).</p> <p>A point was raised about the recent criticism coming from media. The latter continues to challenge achievable and proportional measures taken by the government. Instead it would be welcome that the media supports these measures for which collaboration of the individual is key and that they keep insisting on and aim to raise awareness and fuel civic sense concerning f.e. communicating contacts, respecting quarantine, social distancing. Tackling this crisis can only succeed if citizens really cooperate, especially because a lot is happening behind closed doors or difficult to control.</p>	<p>The RMG takes note of the decisions made and the measures taken by the National Security Council.</p> <p>The RMG reiterates the importance of communication and sensibilization of the citizens.</p> <p>The RMG regrets the repeated criticism of the media regarding the policies adopted rather than supporting to put the measures that are already in place effectively in practice, and fueling the civic sense which is so crucial to limit further viral spread.</p>
<p>3. Prevention</p>		
<p>4. Surveillance and detection</p>		
<p>4.1 Cross border workers (particularly Luxembourg) (<i>information/discussion</i>)</p>	<p>Currently the question is raised about cross border workers in Luxembourg and their children going to school/nursery. Do they have to stay at home and what do their family members do? In principle, their family members have not travelled to an orange</p>	<p>The RMG takes note of the questions of Wallonia regarding the recommended testing/quarantine for weekend</p>

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	<p>and/or red zone themselves, thus they are not required to stay at home. They are only secondary contacts.</p> <p>The RMG decided that an exception was made for cross border workers in terms of testing/quarantine measures. Children are only secondary contacts and present a lower risk, no measures should be imposed on them. A FAQ will be prepared to communicate this decision.</p> <p>Next to this the question was raised whether it could be motivated that people who travel abroad for a short period of time (e.g. weekend trip/holiday camp) are recommended to be tested/go into quarantine, while (daily) cross border workers are exempted. Due to the nature of the activity this is justified.</p> <p>Sciensano asked the federated entities to transmit the information they obtain from the health inspections regarding the situation at the summer camps. The RAG will prepare an advice on the 3 to 18 years-old for the schools.</p> <p>The RMG was informed that the procedure on Covid-19 cases at summer camps is not always respected (apparently due to the many other tasks of the people involved and the heavy workload at the moment). The RMG points out that the procedure has been extensively discussed with those involved (doctors, health inspections, ...) and must be respected (f.e.in transmitting the record and list of participants in camps by the responsible person if a positive case occurs).</p>	<p>tourists/holiday camps/children going to school in Luxemburg etc.</p> <p>Phe will contact Infocel regarding a FAQ about the contacts (e.g. children) of a high risk contact person. No measures should be imposed on these contacts.</p> <p>The federated entities will transmit information to Sciensano regarding the situation at the summer camps, so that an advice can be prepared for the schools.</p>
<p>4.2 Doc Brussels Airport Rescue-Team (<i>information/discussion</i>)</p>	<p>The Brussels Airport Rescue-Team shared several documents regarding a risk assessment form. Travelers are asked to fill in these forms when they were screened and found to be potentially infected (based on temperature e.a.). Questions were raised related to the motives of the Rescue Team, as it is</p>	<p>The RMG takes note of the documents regarding the Brussels Airport Rescue Team and the Agency for Care and Health will discuss this more profoundly with the Rescue Team.</p>

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	<p>unclear whether they request guidelines or approval for compulsory measures from the regions. The latter, compulsory measures, may involve legal issues. Moreover, members of the RMG question the correctness of the respective questionnaire (e.g. regarding the point system) and proposes to have it evaluated further. The fact that positively screened travelers apparently only receive a flyer raises questions if this is sufficient and efficient. Furthermore, the situation in the other airports should also be viewed.</p> <p>The president of the RMG will contact the Brussels Airport Rescue-Team, so that they can initiate communication with the Agency for Care and Health.</p>	
5. Health care		
6. Stocks and shortages		
7. Communication		
8. International		
8.1 Transboundary cooperation France-Belgium (<i>information/discussion</i>)	<p>The president of the RMG had a recent meeting with the responsible boundary French health authorities. Bilateral consultations with France showed the importance of good information flows between Belgium and France on the epidemiological situation in the countries, cross-border travelers and (possible) border cases. The president of the RMG insists that the data is transferred to France, both through bilateral contacts and EWRS. A suggestion is that besides Aviq, the representatives of the Belgian regions and communities participate in meetings with France; Their contact addresses were already communicated to France.</p>	<p>The RMG takes note of the communication flows with France. The RMG reiterates the importance of the information flows in tracing contacts and cases: all positive cases linked to transboundary traffic should both be reported to France and via the EWRS system.</p>

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9. Date next meeting / agenda (approval)		The next RMG-meeting will take place on Monday 27 th July at 16h.
10. AOB		
10.1 Veterinarian epidemiologists: minks, domestic animals, preventive measures TBC		The discussion will be placed on the agenda of the next RMG meeting Monday 27 th of July 2020.

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