



Minutes of COVID WG - April 12th, 2021

Participating

Manuel Bordoy MB	Kristin Dijkstra KD
Isabelle Verwilghen IV	Karim Kettani K2
Martin McGrath MMG	Dina Dragomirescu DD
Niina Viima NV	Judith Ecker JE
Caroline Hulsen CH	Diane Werhert DW
Justine Dauchot JD	Stephanie Buus SB
Laure Nossent LN	Ambar Lietar AL
Eva Puttkamer EP	Dan Nicolae DN
Peter Segers PS	Marianna Cosco MC

Update on COVID cases

Manuel Bordoy hopes that everyone had a good and relaxing holiday.

He states that we don't know how things will turn out for next week as we are waiting for the news from the Belgian authorities, with a "comité de concertation" foreseen this Wednesday.

The situation in Brussels schools is quite worrying concerning the new variants.

The Brazilian variant came in and seems to be very contagious.

Questions are arising:

- Is it wise to come back in situ 100% or should we opt for rotation as was in place before the Easter break?
- Should there be a more general use of masks in Primary?

We have to wait for news from the "comité de concertation" and the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (FWB) to assess further. There is nothing that the school can tell parents for the moment.



Eva Puttkamer: 1 case reported in secondary, 1 high risk and 1 low risk in Primary section, and also one teacher with hospitalisation during the 1st week of holidays – this is the 1st known case of hospitalisation of a teacher or pupil since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Judith Ecker raises the issue of the case in DE Secondary, with the Brazilian variant.

The pupil contaminated both parents so it is really contagious.

This happened during the Easter holidays so no infection within the class.

Kristin Dijkstra is asking two questions:

1. If there is a case of the Brazilian variant in a class, will the whole class be in quarantine?
Manuel Bordoy: Yes, 1 case of the Brazilian variant and the whole class will be in quarantine. This was done before as well.
2. Updates on vaccination for teachers? The calendar has been sent to the Commission, and the school is waiting for an invitation to be vaccinated.
If teachers have received invitation from their home country, they will receive approval to go to their home country to be vaccinated.

There are IT issues this morning with Teams and school staff cannot receive any external emails.

If there's an emergency, please use the phone. We shall inform the class reps of this option.

A question is asked on the risks for the Bac this year, if pupils are contaminated or in quarantine. Ms Verwilghen states that should worse come to worse, the method of calculation for BAC exams of last year would be replicated.

Isabelle Verwilghen reminds that the A-building will be used in May and June to reduce the risk of contamination.

Next meeting

Meeting to be held on Monday 19th of April, 2021 at 9:00.