



Minutes of COVID WG - June 21st, 2021

Participating

Manuel Bordoy MB (excused)	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 Werherth DW
Justine Dauchot JD	Stephanie Buus SB
Laure Nossent LN	Ambar Lietar AL
Eva Puttkamer et Ouafaa Elmeskini	Dan Nicolae DN
Peter Segers PS	Marianna Cosco MC
Tom Boiy TB	
Gilberto Castorini GC	

Update on COVID cases

No new case last week neither during the weekend.

All students who had been in quarantine are back to school.

Feedback from the S1 cluster: concerns about students returning to school following quarantine without a negative test, test done too early, or returning before the end of quarantine)

Nurses are controlling every certificate sent by parents and all students that haven't been tested.

Judith Ecker: There was a kid in S1DE back to school last Monday without having had a negative test. The kids discussed it between themselves and the pupil stayed home on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Therefore there seems to be a slight issue with the procedure.

Ouafaa Elmeskini replies that educational advisors were called and parents were notified that kids had to stay home.

Stephanie Buus: Is it the education advisors who check the attendance of students returning to school?

Ouafaa Elmeskini confirms this.

Request for school ventilation plan

Peter Segers states that since last September, all the info about ventilation has been added to the school's website.

<https://eeb4.be/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Measures-implemented-within-School-to-reduce-the-risks-of-transmission-in-relation-to-Covid-19.pdf>

Dina Dragomirescu wishes that for next September, we need to make sure that we have a view on the ventilation plan of the school. We need to make sure we have a safer school.

Planning for September: Delta is growing everywhere in Europe, it has reached 16% in Belgium. What extra measures are being planned in terms of ventilation, CO2 testing, etc?

Dina Dragomirescu: Pushing for the office of the Secretary General to give EE schools safer environment.

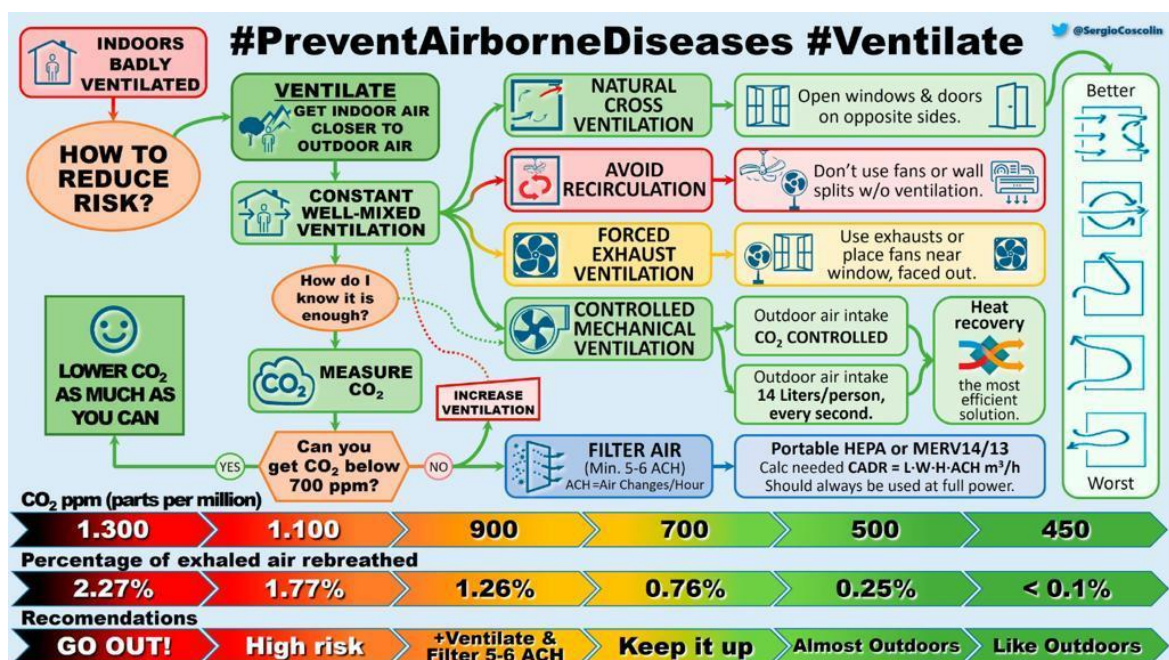
Stephanie Buus: Be more proactive for next year. In the Belgian system, it is required to increase ventilation capacity.

Peter Segers: Most of the Belgian schools have no ventilation system, hence that push. Furthermore, during last week's meeting between the European schools in Brussels, it was decided that no EE schools would install CO2 meters. It doesn't add anything per se as it just gives a measurement of the air quality. The devices don't have an added value.

Dina Dragomirescu: if parents wish to buy a portable CO2 meter, will they be allowed to do so?

Peter Segers: a few weeks ago, Karim Kettani mentioned this issue.

Karim Kettani: What was discussed back then was whether the APEEE could pay for such devices. The APEEE line is that equipment necessary for the functioning of the school must be funded through the school budget, not the APEEE. However, if individual parents wish to buy it themselves, it's possible as long as the APEEE doesn't have to pay for it as such. Isabelle Verwilghen is going to discuss this point on Wednesday in their Management Meeting and will come back to us.



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Circulaire FWB

Karim Kettani: la nouvelle [circulaire FWB n° 8148](#) relative à la rentrée scolaire 2021/22 - si la pandémie le permet, il y aurait un retour à la quasi normale avec ventilation et lavage des mains. Ce qui voudrait dire qu'il n'y aurait plus de port de masque obligatoire. Bien sûr, la situation pandémique peut changer d'ici là.

Les écoles européennes vont-elles suivre cette décision, y compris concernant le port du masque ?

Isabelle Verwilghen : la situation peut évoluer en 2 mois et demi. Vers le 20 août, l'école avisera en fonction de la nouvelle circulaire d'avant la rentrée 2021-2022. Pour le moment, c'est prématuré de donner une telle information aux élèves.

Cérémonie du BAC : réunion vendredi dernier

Isabelle Verwilghen : Les parents souhaitent participer à la recherche d'un lieu extérieur afin qu'ils puissent être présent à la cérémonie du BAC. Caroline Hulsen, responsable de la sécurité, a examiné la situation au centre de conférence de Tours et Taxis.

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Si les parents ne trouvent pas un autre endroit, avant demain, cela risquerait de rendre difficile d'accepter la présence des parents.

Karim Kettani remercie Isabelle Verwilghen des efforts apportés, même si cela n'a pas permis de trouver une solution.

Pour les échéances futures, il faudrait penser à extérioriser la cérémonie du BAC en dehors du site de l'école.

Isabelle Verwilghen confirme que la présence des parents est essentielle et déplore la situation actuelle.

Une communication officielle sera envoyée ce soir aux parents de S7 ayant contacté Isabelle Verwilghen sur ce point.

Kristin Dijkstra va informer les parents de façon informelle.

Next meeting

Meeting to be held on Monday 28th of June, 2021 at 9:00.