

**Questions on preparedness and response planning related to the COVID-19 outbreak to follow up on the meeting of the Health Security Committee on 24/02/2020**

(Questions taken from the ISAA questionnaire)

1. Is your country reviewing/adapting the national / pandemic preparedness plan in the context of the COVID-19? Please mention major adaptations/revisions.  
*Yes we are, we are discussing scenario's and we are adapting the preparedness plans on the COVID -19 characteristics*
2. Have you considered non pharmaceutical measures to implement (isolation, quarantine, self-quarantine, social distancing)? Please describe.  
*We are discussing that issues in the scenario's and at this moment some people are under monitoring at home*
3. Are there any travel restrictions in place or planned for passengers arriving from China, other risk areas, including specific areas of Italy? Any plans?  
*Negative travel advise for china and the regions in the north of Italy. People returning from these country's are advised to see a doctor if they have symptoms like fever, cough of difficulty breathing*
4. Do you have a procedure/protocol covering different settings and capacities for extended contact tracing?  
*Yes the 25 regions in the Netherlands are investigating locations for quarantine and isolation for groups and also for individuals. Also we have protocols for contact monitoring for high risk and low risk contacts.*
5. How many reference laboratories for confirmation did you appoint in the country for diagnosis of 2019-nCoV infection?  
*We have 2 laboratories (RIVM and Erasmus)*
6. How many laboratories can test for COVID-19 and how many samples can be processed every day?  
*We are preparing for 12 more assigned laboratoria for testing. If the epidennic continues finally 14 more labs can be able to test for COVID-19. The amount of samples every day can be processed by every lab is between 20 and 100 a day*
7. As regards the management of suspected and confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV infection, how many hospitals manage these cases? How many cases can be managed at the same time?  
*We are currently in the inventory process, but in principle every hospital in the Netherlands would be able to manage COVID-19 patients. We have 194 intensive care beds with strict aerogene isolation*
8. Does the designated hospital(s) have access to sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies?  
*The ministry is continuously monitoring the access to PPE supplies in The Netherlands for hospitals and health care providers.*
9. Are you considering surge capacity options in case the designated hospital(s) is (are) overwhelmed? *Since there is no centralisation of patients every region is preparing for eventually extra capacity in the hospitals*
10. Are you using/planning to use any uncensored treatments?  
*Yes, if an physican needs an antiviral medication which is not available in the Netherlands he can call the national institute (RIVM) to support him.*

11. Do the reference hospitals have airborne isolation capacity?  
*Yes, every hospital in the Netherlands have airborne isolation capacity*
12. How many critically ill patients in total would you be able to manage?  
*We have 55 hospitals with a total capacity of 194 intensive care unit beds with strict aerogene isolation.*
13. How many additional beds can you set up as a surge capacity?  
*Inventory process is currently ongoing*
14. As regards the management of suspected and confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV infection, do you have procedures for the in-country transportation of these cases?  
*Yes, ambulances have protocols for transport of patients under protection against aerogene transmission.*
15. Does your country have capacity for medical evacuation in country?  
*We have contact with transport organisations if there is a need for a medical evacuation abroad.*
16. Is additional financing available for health care sector's response to the outbreak?
17. **Does your country need any support in relation to the above listed areas of preparedness? Please specify!**  
*At this moment we don't need any support with specific items*