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Dear (10)(2e) I am not aware of any specific survey questions used for schools. Primary schools are opening up on 11 May and teachers will be tested if they develop respiratory symptoms. If three or more children in a group / class have respiratory symptoms, the school must notify the regional public health service, which will then try to take swabs from all children (of course via the parents) and is responsible for further source and contact investigation. How they will organise this and what specific questions they ask, is up to the 25 regional public health services and there might be great differences between regions depending also on differences in incidence, staff capacity etc.

By the way, the RIVM virologists are now testing the use of oral fluid (OF) as an alternative for the nose- and throat swab. Taking a nose- and / or throat swab is not a very pleasant procedure, and children (or their parents) will often refuse. OF is collected with a kind of sponge that is used as a toothbrush.

The collection of OF instead of NP and OP swabs is a good alternative for SARS-CoV-2 detection in the upper respiratory tract.

However, patients with low viral load NP and/or OP specimens will be missed when OF is collected alone. And unfortunately, it seems to work better in adults than in children. I can send you more details if this is of interest.

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Best wishes,

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Dear (10)(2e)

You may be contacted by a journalist from NYT. She is working on a story on the role of children in the transmission of corona

On another issue! I am sure you have a million things to do. But would you know of survey questions used to assess risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in schools e.g. hygiene related or perception, practices, knowledge or perceived risk of infection type questions?

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Sorry for being on your back!

Hope the family are well

Take care

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