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Dear ECDC,

Apologies for not meeting the deadline. In the already published document I note that it states that students and/or teachers are required to wear a mask in schools in the Netherlands. This is incorrect. We only have a national requirement to wear masks in public transport.

Best regards,

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**To:** Operational Contact Points for Influenza and COVID-19  
**Cc:** National Focal Points for Influenza; National Focal Points for Surveillance; National Focal Points for Preparedness and Response; National Coordinators

Dear Colleagues,

Today, ECDC will circulate the following three documents requesting country validation and/or input:

1. COVID-19 clusters and outbreaks in occupational settings in the EU/EEA and the UK
2. COVID-19 in children and the role of school settings in COVID-19 transmission
3. Testing for COVID-19 in school settings

This email relates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> documents listed above.

- For the 2<sup>nd</sup> document, "COVID-19 in children and the role of school settings in COVID-19 transmission", we would like to thank the countries who responded to our recent request for data on outbreaks related to school settings by sending us valuable information from your surveillance and outbreak investigations. Using the data provided by countries, together with data from the literature, ECDC has developed an overview of the epidemiology and disease characteristics as well as an assessment of the role of children in COVID-19 transmission in school settings. **We would like to ask you to review the data presented for your country in the report attached and highlight if you feel that something is misrepresented. Please provide any comments in track changes, by Wednesday 29 July 2020 COB.**

- For the 3<sup>rd</sup> document, "Testing for COVID-19 in school settings", ECDC proposes suggestions for testing for SARS-CoV-2 in school settings. **Please provide any comments in track changes, by Wednesday 29 July 2020 COB.**

We ask your understanding for the tight deadline. Our intention is to deliver this document in an unedited version to the European Commission on 31 July, 2020. The edited document will be published during the week thereafter.

We fully understand the pressure under which you are currently working. We highly appreciate your readiness and willingness to share information with the network and other MS, and contribute to ECDC outputs.

With kind regards,

ECDC PHE Technical Group

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