

Audit and training 5.1.2e/RIVM on St.Eustatius and visit delegation of VWS in connection with the covid-19 vaccination

Introduction:

St.Eustatius is currently following a containment strategy against COVID-19, requiring all incoming travelers from medium and high risk to quarantine for 12 days. Some essential workers are allowed to do some work activities during quarantine, under strict hygienic measures.

Vaccination against COVID19 have now been approved, and Saba and the islands are, together the MoH and RIVM, are preparing for the vaccination campaigns. As the approved vaccines require very cold storage and this is very different from regular vaccine management, one crucial part in the preparation is an audit of and training on the so-called 'cold chain': receiving and storing the vaccines at the right temperature.

A specialist from the RIVM will visit St.Eustatius on January 13th to leave on the 15th.

The instructions for request permission to enter St.Eustatius should be send to:

5.1.2e [@statiagov.com](mailto:statiagov.com)

The following measures and steps need to be taken to make the needed visit as safe as possible:

The regular requirements are valid for time not spent doing work activities:

- A negative PCR max 72 hours old before arriving to St.Eustatius
- Wear a mask during transport to and on St.Eustatius and use hand sanitizer frequently
 - On island transport only possible in your own rental car
 - At all times mouth mask should be used
- Follow quarantine instructions when not at work
 - Stay in hotel room (you are allowed to be on your balcony).On your request we will ask the hotel the possibility for an open area where your team only can meet.
 - No visitors in the room
 - Meals will be delivered to your door

For work related activities the following applies:

- Trainings:
 - Can only be held in (semi)open spaces, this will be organized by the public health
 - 5.1.2e and people being trained wear masks and practice physical distancing
 - No shared meals
- Bathroom use by trainer will have to air before use by others
- Visit current vaccine fridge, located in the pharmacy and -80 o C freezer at the laboratory in the hospital
 - To be planned after regular clinic hours
 - 5.1.2e wears a FFP2 mask during visit and guiding person(s) from St.Eustatius

- Location of fridge will be ventilated during visit
- Other staff at pharmacy and hospital will be notified of visit and will try to stay away as much as possible

Proposed work schedule for January 14th:

- 8.00 – 10.00 : Training cold chain ;Location :Old Gin House in open space
- 10.00 – 10.15: Pause
- 10.15 – 12.00: continue training cold chain
- 12.00 – 13.15: Lunch at own accommodation
- 13.15 – 14.15 : Visit to vaccination locations: Sport hall & Hospitainer
- 14.30 – 16.30 : Audit
- 17.00 – 17.30 : Visit Laboratory QBMC: -80oC freezer
- 17.30 – 18.00 : Visit Pharmacy: vaccine fridge
- 18.00 – 19.15 : Review with delegation at Government Guesthouse
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- 15.15 – 16.00 : closed meeting with Central Committee at Government Guesthouse
- 16.00 – 17.00 : open meeting with Central Committee at Government Guesthouse
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- Delegation can plan other meetings if desirable