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Dear 5.1.2e

Due to an unexpected private event,

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On behalf of him, please find a general transcription of the RIVM approach on essential services for your information.

To be continued without delay:

Infection prevention and treatment e.g. Vaccination program, Serum depot services incl. Diphtheria/Tetanus, epidemiologic surveillance, EU batch release OMCL

Screening of new born on metabolic deficiencies

Medical devices services relating to the medical emergency needs e.g. safety of reuse of masks

Monitoring of air quality and radio activity

Maintaining the infrastructure of animal facilities and cell cultures

Food safety activities, administrative parts (from workplaces "at home")

Scenario planning acute medical care needs (from workplaces "at home")

Maintenance of the building including emergency power supply and cleaning

This is the list as is for the situation now in our country. Hope this list is of help. Please let us know if questions remain.

Best regards,

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Dear 5.1.2e

5.1.2e asked me to work on your questions. I hope what I send you is useful, it is certainly not complete; I presume that you have to compile the information based on various sources from various countries. Hopefully this information has some added value.

1. As you may know, last Sunday 15 March, the Netherlands' government decided to close down schools and day-care facilities. Earlier, on Thursday 12 March, people were already asked to work from home where possible and only go to work if this is strictly necessary. This implies that people with jobs and small children should work at home as much as possible, take care of children simultaneously, and – according to other measures – not to have too much physical contact with others, notably older people, so grandparents should not automatically being asked to take care of the children in these times. Both employers and employees are now being asked to be very flexible and solve this in mutual understanding.

However, simultaneously, a list has been published with 'professions that are critical to keep the society running during the COVID-19 outbreak', as well as a list with 'vital processes', which already had been compiled for all sorts of circumstances by our 'National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism' NCTV. People working in those professions or processes can still call upon day-care in schools and day-care locations for their children, if needed. This day-care will logically receive much less children than in the normal situation. The lists are available (in Dutch) on:

https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/cruciale-beroepsgroepen
In the attachment I made un unofficial translation by google translate and my own editing work (my apologies for the quick work).

2. For the National Public Health functions at RIVM, our own RIVM Crisis Management Team made an overview of our tasks and processes, and has assigned priority labels to all elements of this list. One of the goals of this (but not the only one) is to be able to decide on declarations for employees that they are working in a 'critical profession' as defined under 1). The list contains a lot of things that are maybe not so relevant for your question (i.e. security staff at the entrance, ICT enabling our employees to keep working), but also all kinds of diagnostics and work for the national prevention programmes we carry out under normal circumstances. Tomorrow, I will get an updated version of this (classified) list, and hopefully also permission to send it to you in some form, be it abridged or complete.

I realise that this information is far from complete, but I hope it will be useful in some form already.

Best wishes,

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