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Dear [5.1.2e]

For SLS, CPS, and VSA a brief update from my perspective in the context of the support request regarding COVID-19 laboratory capacity in SXM. An updated/detailed plan regarding SLS capacity for COVID 19 PCR was discussed today, please see updated plan attached for the exact details. Feasibility, timeline and quality aspects were discussed. No critical objections were identified. As an option for additional staff, sourcing from the Netherlands for 3-6 months was discussed. Based on delivery time of 2 weeks after receipt of payment PCR testing could begin in 4 weeks.

Additionally, the plans for AMI and an option for antigen testing were discussed as solutions for the next few weeks. Pros and cons were briefly reviewed. Balancing the extra effort against the time gained shows considerable efforts (also in part by SLS) returning results perhaps two weeks earlier. Considering the time that has passed discussing and planning (1 month since support request for lab capacity) it would be a relative small acceleration.

Lines of action: RIVM advises VWS on the options for lab capacity in the context of the support request. Action is initiated to source a molecular laboratory technician from the Netherlands for a projected time of 3-6 months.

I hope to have updated you sufficiently.

Kind regards,

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