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Ok, working on it, dank!

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As requested the most up to date numbers of ICU occupancy:

Aruba max 20 ICU beds, 3 free
 Bonaire max 7 ICU beds, 3 free
 Curacao max 20 beds, 6 free
 Sint Maarten (Saba/St Eustatius) max 6 ICU beds, 5 free

Met vriendelijke groet,

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Onderwerp: RE: Question about Covid patients from Dutch Caribbean

Hi [redacted] 5.1.2e

Additional information:

Since last week we see numbers of Covid infections and hospital/ICU admissions in the Dutch Caribbean have soared. Numbers on Curacao have doubled over the weekend and on Bonaire the incidence has risen from 61 to 1300 per week per 100,000 inhabitants in the last 2 weeks. Aruba has had a steady high number of infections, and that is now slowly rising as well. All three islands have a hospital with an ICU, but despite good cooperation between Kingdom hospitals, extra equipment and personnel, clinical capacity starts to be a serious issue. Before, it was easier to transfer patients between the islands because outbreaks were not simultaneous. At the moment however, there are regionally only a limited amount of ICU beds free, and non-Covid care has been scaled down. We are currently trying to increase ICU capacity in the hospitals, but there are several issues that make this harder. For instance, oxygen consumption of Covid patients is high, while medicinal oxygen needs to be imported and the logistics limit the number of admissions to hospital. Also, because of the global nature of the pandemic it is not easy to find enough ICU personnel to open more beds. Sadly, it is not feasible to fly patients to the Netherlands because of the distance. Therefore we are exploring other options, [redacted] 5.1.2a

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Please let me know if you require other/more information.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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Hi 5.1.2e,

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Regards, 5.1.2e

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Importance: High

Dear 5.1.2e

I hope this email finds you well.

I write to you because the Covid situation on the islands is not so good, and worsening every day now. Numbers on Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire are rising quickly, and the hospitals are reaching their capacity to care for ICU patients. The hospitals on the island accept patients from the other islands, but they are reaching their limit. We would like to know if, in case the full capacity of the hospitals in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom is reached and no more patients can be treated locally, there would be a possibility to send Covid patients that need ICU care to hospitals in Colombia.

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I hope you can let us know urgently, so we can plan accordingly.

Met vriendelijke groet,

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