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Subject: PHIRI WP 8 REF - New country requests

Dear colleagues,

The PHIRI WP8 REF secretariat received the following country requests:

Country request 1: Self-testing

- Are there specific strategies/regulations for self-testing in your country? If yes, which ones?
- Do you apply isolation to individuals who test positive for self-test and begin contact tracing or await a confirmatory test result?

Country request 2: Surveillance of hospitalized COVID-19 cases

Context: As vaccinations become widespread, the landscape of COVID is likely to change over time. The focus will be placed on vulnerable patient populations and identification of variants of concern/interest and their clinical/epidemiological impact. In Belgium, for example, they will have to consider how surveillance systems have to adapt in the near future.

- How are other countries performing now surveillance of hospitalized COVID cases?
- Do you have international contacts that could be contacted?
- Have there been discussions on how to prepare for these changes?

Please feel free to add your response to the document attached and send it back to 5.1.2e @goeg.at or insert your response to the appropriate document on [SharePoint](#).

We are looking forward to receiving your responses!

Kind regards,

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