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Thanks 5.1.2e

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHET), chaired by the Chief Medical Officer, makes a determination on what level is appropriate for each county in Ireland or for the whole country. I am on that committee with some other PH colleagues. The decisions re phase of restrictions, and to what areas/regions they should apply, are based on the most up to date epi data along with modelling data. The NPHET make a recommendation to government on what level of restriction should be in place; government can choose whether to accept it or not. For example, this week NPHET advised that all Ireland move to Level 5 restrictions, however Government did not accept this and, instead, have put Ireland on level 3 restrictions - https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/resilience-recovery-2020-2021-plan-for-living-with-covid-19/

Thanks for all the links to information from the Netherlands.

All – I wonder if there is a forum where we can collaborate, outside of ECDC advisory forum. As national head of Health Protection in Ireland, I would find that useful.

Regards





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Subject: RE: Urgent request for information - COVID-19 restrictions

Dear 5.1.2e

Best regards,

Thank you for your mail.

I like the clear outline of measures per level, and would very much like to learn what and who decides on the level the country or county is in. I could not find this on the web. Could you share information on this with us?

Our government has put into place national measures since September 29

(<u>https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2020/09/28/additional-measures-to-combat-the-spread-of-coronavirus</u>) replacing less restrictive regional measures in high-incidence areas that had already been put into place from Sept 20th; these measures being additional to basic rules such as 1.5m distance, hygiene, self-isolation, etc. (<u>https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/basic-rules-for-everyone</u>).

Since October 2nd, parliament strongly advises to use face masks in indoor public spaces (in addition to use in public transport, where this already was mandatory): <u>https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2020/10/02/wearing-of-face-masks-strongly-advised</u>

The national outbreak management team advised to consider a curfew and facilitating quarantine for students living in dormitories as additional measures.

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