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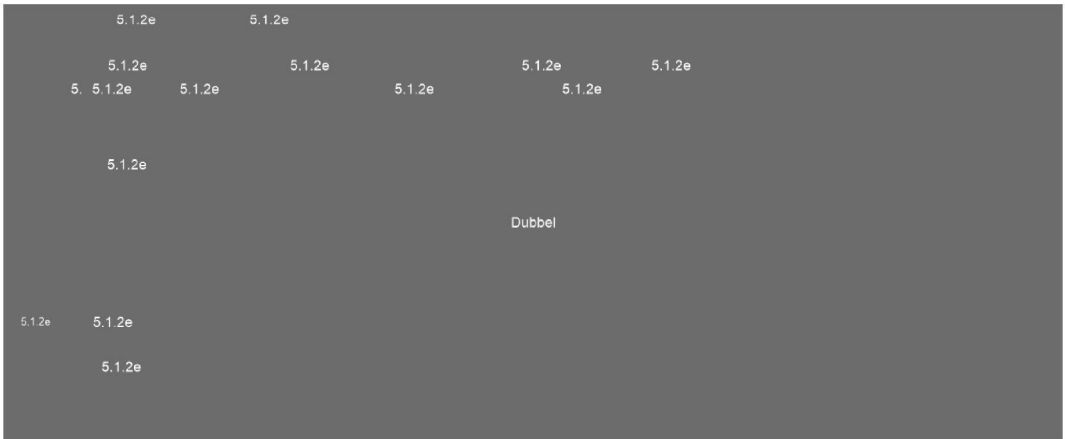
Dear [redacted],
Thank you for this new information, it makes sense that they would like to avoid such a risk as no direct flight is possible. Stata is able to handle larger planes, but a charter may be too expensive.
Also thank you for sharing your guideline, it gives food for thought in designing our own guidelines for the coming months. It is difficult how to decide on restrictions during a rising vaccine coverage.
Kind regards, and have a good weekend,



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On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 6:44 PM [redacted] <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:
Goodyay [redacted]

Here is our testing/quarantine/isolation strategy.

We are tweaking recently with more recent advice with regards to handling persistent positives and recoveries.

Generally speaking persons who have laboratory confirmation of previous positive and recovery who test positive by PCR with high CT values over 33 are considered persistent positive and cleared and treated as negative.

I reached out to the local Basketball Association and they were not aware of a team travelling to Statia. They will research and revert to me.

Best regards

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On Thu, Feb 25, 2021 at 8:15 AM 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl> wrote:

Dear colleague,
I will liaise with my colleagues from Statia to get more details concerning the planning of this sports event. If I look at your epidemiology screening before leaving would not make much sense. Much of the risk during such an event depends on the way the travel is being organized. There has been no local transmission on Statia for a few months either. So let us decide on screening and quarantine later on.
We would also be interested in your view of an exit strategy from this crisis that has also severe social and economic impact on these relatively small island communities for an important part depending on tourism as their source of income. Immunization programs would offer a way out, what coverage would be necessary en would you include the younger age cohorts in order to reach a level of immunity necessary to re-open touristic activities without too many precautionary measures interfering with the industry? Have you been able to draft a plan on such a strategy?
Kind regards,

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Dear 5.1.2e

The recently diagnosed persons are all related to travel quarantine. We have no cases arising from the community recently and no evidence of local transmission. We are classified as THN level I by the US CDC at this moment based on the information that we submit to them periodically. So risk of transmission locally is considered very low.

In my view the team should be screened before travel. I am not aware of your entry quarantine requirements but they should be subjected to whatever entry requirements that you have.

I will make contact with the BVI Basketball Association and determine who is planning to travel and how they plan to travel. If you would like any specific entry screening to be done I will be happy to facilitate.

In the interim kindly let me know what further assistance I can give

Best regards

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On Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@rivm.nl> wrote:

Dear 5.1.2e

I am responsible for advice for our national government concerning COVID-related problems on the Dutch OTC. Sint Eustatius is one of our smaller islands with a population of about 3000. They have practiced a containment strategy, and the number of patient during this epidemic was quite limited (20 in total, mostly imported in quarantine) with once limited local transmission, quite quickly brought under control. Quite comparable to the situation on your islands. It seems there are plans for bringing in a basketball team from BVI to Statia. I don't know exactly when. The question was what precautionary measure would be necessary. Now I understand from Autilia that there is no local transmission in your territory, so if it is a designated straight local flight risks are quite limited, and extensive testing may not be indicated. If on the contrary it concerns an international mixed flight through other airports more precaution might be needed. From the WHO/PAHO site I could see quite a few diagnoses made from your territory during past months. Could you explain the local epidemiological situation and your view on exchange of such sporting teams?

Kind regards,

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Hi 5.1.2e

We were not made aware of any local BVI Basketball team's travel arrangements.

I would be grateful for some specifics of the event and who from the BVI is organizing the BVI's participation so that we can respond substantively.

What I can say is that they will be subject to normal quarantine and screening requirements on their return to the BVI.

Kind regards

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On Wed, Feb 24, 2021 at 8:31 AM 5.1.2e <5.1.2e@phe.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear 5.1.2e

Hope you are well.

Please accept this e-mail as a way of virtual introduction between yourself and our colleagues from the RIVM (the Public Health Institute in the Netherlands - equivalent of PHE).

Our Dutch colleagues got in touch with us because they had some queries re a sport event planned shortly, which will see a basketball team from BVI travelling to one of the Dutch OTs.

5.1.2e (s) and 5.1.2e would like to ask some questions and receive some information related to the above so as to make sure that everything can be done to prevent transmission of infection related to this event for both OTs involved.

I thank you in advance for any help you can provide in this matter.

Kind regards

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