

**Van:** [REDACTED]  
**Verzonden:** dinsdag 17 november 2020 14:27  
**Aan:** [REDACTED]  
**CC:** [REDACTED]  
**Onderwerp:** FW: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy

Ha [REDACTED],

Afgelopen vrijdag had jij een verzoek doorgestuurd van het Oostenrijkse ministerie over het effect van schoolsluitingen over de ontwikkeling van covid-19, de maatschappij en de economie. Collega [REDACTED] uit het coronateam heeft onderstaand antwoord gedicht en afgestemd met [REDACTED]. Dank beiden voor jullie input!

Ik vind het een mooie mail. Ik heb er nog één linkje aan toegevoegd naar het recente onderzoek van Cito naar de leergroei op LVS toetsen in de basisscholen. Is dit wat jou betreft akkoord? Zo ja, [REDACTED] zouden jullie dan willen versturen?

Hartelijke groet,  
[REDACTED]

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**Van:** [REDACTED]  
**Verzonden:** dinsdag 17 november 2020 14:06  
**Aan:** [REDACTED]  
**Onderwerp:** RE: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your message. Hope you are well and safe.

Regarding to your questions on COVID-19 topics, we have answered the questions below.

### COVID-19 and effects of closing schools

In general:

- In general, schools are open, unless the school can't organize education in a physical manner (fewer teachers) or the Public Health Service advises the school to close because of a high level of COVID-19 infected children/teachers.
- We try to balance between health and protection of COVID-19 and the importance of the continuity of education.
- Since 15th of October the [inspectorate of education](#) monitor which [schools are closing](#).
- Schools are responsible to administrate on the website when the school closes. The inspectorate will contact the board or school for solutions and other the consequences related to the closing of the school.
- When schools are closing, schools organize online education.
- Mostly, the schools close for about 2 weeks.

Effects:

- Social partners address learning disadvantages of children, not only because of the closing of school in October/ November but also during the spring.
- We have results of a monitor on learning during online education in the spring. It is however only available in Dutch: <https://www.cito.nl/kennis-en-innovatie/kennisbank/p348-onderzoeksrapport-het-effect-van-afstandsonderwijs-op-leerresultaten>
- Because we need to make descions on the central exams in our secondary education in a few weeks, a short questionnaire went to schools for pre-vociational education.

- Possible effects on economy: for parents with children at home (during school closing) couldn't work full time.

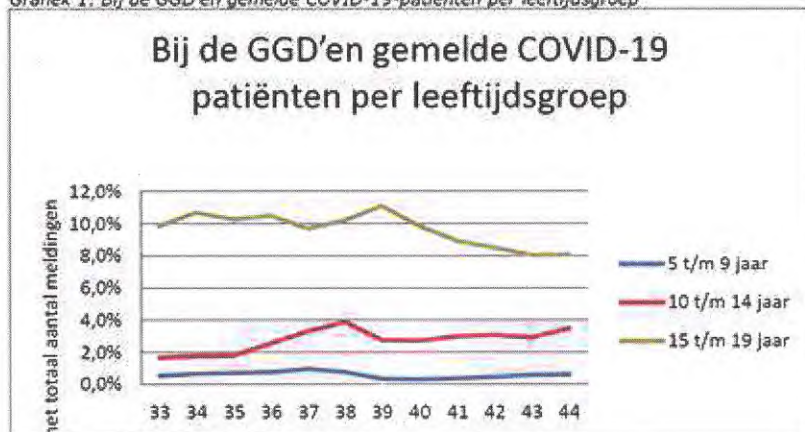
### Studies on the role of children or the role of schools regarding to the spread of COVID-19

- The National Institute of Public Health and Environment (RIVM)
  - indicates that infected children and their infectivity increases with the age of the children. At the same time, the role of children in spreading the virus is less than adults.
  - Indicates that the spread of COVID-19 mostly happens outside school area in contact with classmates in their own time.

### Specific information on age groups of 6-10 and 10-14/15

- We have some specific information on infected age group of 10-14/15 (see below; only available in Dutch). This is the most recent data of our National Institute of Public Health and Environment (RIVM). I would like to emphasize that the data is confidential.
- The government strongly advises to follow the numbers and guidelines of the National Institute of Public Health and Environment (RIVM).

Grafiek 1: Bij de GGD'en gemelde COVID-19-patiënten per leeftijdsgroep



Bron: cijfers uit de wekelijkse update van het RIVM

Tabel 1: Leeftijdsverdeling van aan de GGD'en gemelde COVID-19 patiënten en van overleden COVID-19 patiënten in de afgelopen periode (27 okt. t/m 3 nov.)

Leeftijdsgroep	Totaal gemeld			Overleden		
	Aantal	%	/100.000	Aantal	%	/100.000
Totaal gemeld	56851		327	255		4,2
0-4	69	0,1	8	0	0,0	0,0
5-9	336	0,6	37	0	0,0	0,0
10-14	1976	3,5	207	0	0,0	0,0
15-19	4583	8,1	437	0	0,0	0,0
20-24	5209	9,2	476	0	0,0	0,0
25-29	4646	8,2	408	0	0,0	0,0
30-34	4395	7,7	399	0	0,0	0,0
35-39	4028	7,1	385	0	0,0	0,0
40-44	3688	6,5	390	1	0,4	0,1
45-49	4891	8,6	412	2	0,1	0,1
50-54	5545	9,8	433	2	0,8	0,2
55-59	4886	8,6	391	3	1,2	0,7
60-64	3611	6,4	323	4	1,8	0,6
65-69	2415	4,2	242	8	3,3	0,9
70-74	1996	3,5	212	37	18,7	2,9
75-79	1407	2,5	222	30	15,2	5,2
80-84	1252	2,2	287	64	50,9	19
85-89	931	1,6	363	60	16,3	11
90-94	503	0,9	488	38	13,9	17
95+	183	0,3	685	30	16,3	21
Niet vermeld	3	0,0		0	0,0	

If you have any other question, don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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**Van:** [REDACTED]

**Verzonden:** vrijdag 13 november 2020 12:54

**Aan:** [REDACTED]

**Onderwerp:** FW: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy

Ha [REDACTED],

Zie hieronder het bericht van [REDACTED]. Kan hiervoor misschien de informatie die jij gisteren in het Engels aan het knutselen was voor de PVEU worden benut?

Groet,  
[REDACTED]

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**Van:** [REDACTED]

**Verzonden:** vrijdag 13 november 2020 12:52

**Aan:** [REDACTED]

**Onderwerp:** Fwd: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy

Zou jij (iam [REDACTED] en wellicht IZ (?)) even kunnen kijken of we relevante info hebben (en dan eigenlijk in Engels of Duits.... Zo niet, dan moet IZ maar even een antwoord maken met een verwijzing evt naar onze ambassade in Wenen erin...

Met vriendelijke groet,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ministerie van OCW  
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**Onderwerp:** Doorst: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy

Ha [REDACTED] en [REDACTED], zie bijgaand verzoek van de oostenrijkse collega. Mogelijk hebben jullie die ook gehad. Ze is mn geïnteresseerd in jullie domein. Gr [REDACTED]

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**Onderwerp: Effects of school closures on the overall Covid-19 development as well as on society and economy**

Dear colleagues,

I hope you are safe and healthy in these challenging times.

In Austria we did not only have to face a severe terror attack on Monday, but we are also still challenged by COVID-19 and are interested in your experience with the effects of closing schools - both regarding the number of COVID-19 cases as well as regarding effects on society and economy. There are also many different studies on the role of children or the role of schools with regard to the spread of COVID-19 in general. Any piece of information regarding the age groups 6 – 10 and 10 – 14/15 would of special interest for us when assessing the current situation in Austria.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Stay safe and healthy,

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