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Hoi,

Dit is het bericht voor EWRS, lukt mij niet vanuit huis om het te plaatsen, geeft een server error. Mogelijk ligt het aan EWRS.

Graag plaatsen bij het andere bericht over de nertsen. Als je zoekt op mink dan heb je dat snel gevonden.

Dank!

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**Van:** (10)(2e) <(10)(2e)@rivm.nl>  
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**Onderwerp:**

On another 2 mink farms in the Netherlands, SARS-CoV-2 infection has been laboratory confirmed in minks. These two farms are located in the same area as the farms where minks tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 previously. On one these newly affected farms, there was no unexpected illness or death among the minks, and infection was detected due to enhanced surveillance.

Molecular testing has been initiated among affected farmers and employees on the affected farms. Whole genome sequencing of human and animal virus strains revealed that strains from 4 human cases show strong similarities with the animal strains: one case on one of the farms, three cases on another farm. In combination with epidemiological investigation it is considered highly likely that 2 workers at 2 different farms were infected by minks. The infections in workers occurred before infection with SARS-CoV-2 was detected in the animals, and PPE was not yet used.

Investigation of the environment revealed SARS-CoV-2 DNA in air and dust samples retrieved from inside the stables, but not in samples retrieved outside. Therefore the restriction of movement of citizens within 400 meter around affected farms is lifted.

People working at the farm are advised on hygiene and use of PPE.

Investigation of feces of the animals and transmission dynamics in the mink farms is ongoing.

on behalf of the Dutch EWRS team

Met vriendelijke groet,

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