

## HSC – 5 november

- **Measures at border - International Chamber of Commerce (discussion)**
  - In the Netherlands, testing before or straight after arrival cannot replace a quarantine period of 10 days after travelling to a high risk country
  - How would this relate to a potential EU passenger locator form?
- **Circuit breaker strategies (discussion)**
  - Geen input
- **Aligned COVID-19 vaccination plans (discussion)**
  - Input verwacht
- **Antigen tests: national validation and criteria for use (discussion)**
  - The Netherlands has completed the clinical validation of three rapid tests, which show very good results. Two test are still in validation phase. The validation was carried out among symptomatic cases. Validation stills needs to be done among asymptomatic cases.
  - The Netherlands will validate more antigen tests and other innovative test methods in the upcoming weeks
  - The ambition is that several types of rapid tests will be used this month at various locations in the Netherlands
  - Initially, rapid tests will be implemented to test symptomatic cases. Thereafter, priority will be given to close contacts if this can be done reliably
  - The basic infrastructure for administering and analysing rapid test is currently being set up. From the half of November, rapid tests will be used structurally to test symptomatic cases.
  - Parallel to this a start is made on the validation of rapid test among asymptomatic cases.
  - Depending on this validation, rapid tests can be used to test close contacts from December.
- **Update on non-pharmaceutical interventions with a focus on expanding epidemics (discussion)**
  - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, the Netherlands announced a tightening of measures
  - The general advice is to stay at home as much as possible and to avoid non-essential travel
  - Regarding to travelling abroad, the advice is not to travel abroad and not to book trips abroad until mid-January
  - People may not receive more than 2 people a day in their homes
  - The maximum group size outdoors and indoors is 2 people from different households
  - Museums, theatres, cinemas and amusement parks are closed. All establishments that serve food and drinks remain closed, besides take-away
  - These measures will be in place until the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. After this day, measure will be loosened, but still in place. In mid-December, the government will assess what can be done in the period that follows, including the festive season
- AOB