

NEWSLETTER

Belgian Pediatric COVID-19 Task Force

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Disclaimer:

The Belgian Pediatric COVID-19 Task Force critically reviews the most recent scientific literature.

Advices and guidelines reflect the state of the art at a particular time.

They can be updated based on new developments. Implementation is at your own responsibility.

- **The ‘paediatric exit strategy think tank’ (headed by Prof. An Bael and Dr. Marianne Michel) was created and is working hard on several topics (advising GEES):**
 - 1) testing & tracing (see below)
 - 2) consultation ONE and Kind en Gezin (see below)
 - 3) schools (cfr. communication of the government; for CLB & boarding schools: see below).
 - 4) psychosocial well being
 - 5) campsQuestions are welcome on covidpediatrie@gmail.com
- **Recommendations for vulnerable children:**
 - The ‘three bubbles’: [NL](#) and [FR](#)
 - Boarding schools: [NL](#) and [FR](#)
- **What difficulties do pediatricians have with testing & tracing in Wallonia ? And how to tackle them?**

A summary by [D. Tuerlinckx and M. Michel](#).
- **About specific activities: ONE, ‘Kind en Gezin’ (consultations and daycare) and CLB (schools) have specific directives about testing, tracing and isolation.**

You can find them here for [ONE](#) and here for [CLB](#). A general statement from CLB can be found [here](#). The information of Kind en Gezin will be available on their website soon.



- **The Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM) is studying the impact of COVID-19 on maternal and newborn care.**

ITM is aiming at healthcare workers providing care to women and their babies: antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care. **We kindly ask all paediatricians to take 15 minutes to fill in this survey** and hope that by contributing to this research your voice will be heard and your efforts will be better understood and acknowledged:

<https://bit.ly/2UhW68U>

- **The Task Force kindly is still registering all corona ‘collateral damage’ in children.**

A lot of children with perforated appendicitis, hyperbilirubinemia and psychosocial damage in newborns... were reported because of a ‘delay in care seeking’. Please find the preliminary results of the COCODA study [here](#).

New cases can still be registered by **reporting them to your head of department** (they have all received a login). We are in dire need of registration of our French speaking colleagues!

- **Are there any new FAQ’s on COVID and children?**

Even if the COVID incidence is going down rapidly – especially in children – we try to keep our FAQ up to date:

[Dutch](#) and [French](#).

New questions are still welcome on covidpediatrie@gmail.com



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