

# NEWSLETTER

Belgian Paediatric COVID-19 Task Force

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**Disclaimer:**

The Belgian Paediatric COVID-19 Task Force (PTF) 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.

- **Only one highlight. Priority vaccination of children at risk.**  
**Which children >12y can be added to the 'priority' list ?**  
 Please find the list here in [NL](#) and in [FR](#).  
 For those who are looking for more info: you can find it here in [NL](#) and [FR](#).
- **Which paediatrician to contact in your region to add children to the priority list?**  
 You can find the list [here](#).
- **What is the Task Force's position on generalized vaccination of children 12-15y?**  
 This has been a topic of [debate](#) recently. The Task Force has contributed to a very nuanced HGR/CSS advice ([FR](#) and in [NL](#)). Side effects like myocarditis/pericarditis are rare, but possible. More than because of herd immunity and the severity of disease, children 12-15y can be vaccinated (according to the 'opting in' principle) to avoid the negative impact of possible new Non Pharmaceutical Interventions (distance education measures, restriction of youth activities...).
- **The number of children that are severely sick, remains small, but the Task Force refers to the guideline for children with COVID-19 or MIS-C (PIMS-TS).**  
 We have **updated the part on MIS-C** according to the most recent literature. You can find the guideline on the Sciensano website in [FR](#) and in [NL](#) (see link to MIS-C inside the document).
- **Info and FAQ's on COVID-19 and children have not been updated anymore (because there are no major changes):**  
 You can still find all procedures in [Dutch](#) and in [French](#) but for more recent info we refer to [Sciensano](#).



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