

# 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 government has decided to re-open the schools soon. Is it safe? Which risk groups have to stay home longer after the opening of schools ?**

The Belgian Pediatric COVID Task Force has made a list (that is almost ready) after consulting all universities and subspecialty organisations.

The **'children at risk list'** will be published in the FAQ update from **May 1<sup>st</sup> onwards:** [Dutch](#) and [French](#).

New questions welcome on [covidpediatrie@gmail.com](mailto:covidpediatrie@gmail.com)

- **The Task Force kindly requests to register all corona 'collateral damage' in children.**

A lot of children with perforated appendicitis, hyperbilirubinemia in newborns... are reported because of a 'delay in care seeking'. All Belgian Pediatric heads of department have received an own login to register this collateral damage. Please send all information on collateral damage to your heads of department.



- **Warning about multi-system inflammation and Kawasaki.**  
Keep in mind that most children are not easily infected and often not so sick (see FAQ), but that severe systemic inflammation presentations, and atypical Kawasaki, have been described. The Belgian Task Force has issued a statement ([Dutch](#) and [French](#)), supported by a representation of the Belgian Pediatric Cardiologists. Keep your threshold low to refer these patients to PICU (since rapid deterioration has been described) and consider isolating them (even if the PCR is often negative – the pathology could be COVID-related).
- **How to care for children at risk of abuse/neglect during the current crisis.**  
Please find a guideline [here](#) for Brussels, Wallonia and Flanders.
- **An overview of Childhood COVID-19 resources can still be found here:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/ecdan/covid19>
- **”Belgian Pediatric COVID Guidelines for hospitalized children (non-PICU; based on the evidence available until 30/4/2020).**  
For those who didn’t find them yet:  
[Français](#) en [Nederlands](#).



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