

WHO Meeting on Schooling during the COVID-19 pandemic
31 August 2020, high-level virtual briefing for Ministers of Health

Provisional programme

Monday, 31 August 2020

- 09:30–09:40 Opening of the Meeting by the WHO Regional Director for Europe, Dr Hans Kluge and the Minister of Health of Italy, Dr Roberto Speranza
- 09:40–09:50 Presentation by WHO Regional Office for Europe, *Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat, Director of the Division of Country Health Policies and Systems*
- 09:50–10:00 Presentation by Italy, *Professor Silvio Brusaferro, President of the National Health Institute*
- 10:00–10:45 Country case study presentations (tbc)
- Armenia
Dr Lena Nanushyan, Deputy Minister of Health
 - Croatia
Sibila Žabica, Head, Directorate for European Affairs, International Cooperation and Protocol, Ministry of Health
 - Denmark
Dan Petersen, Acting Director, Evidence, Education & Emergency Services, Ministry of Health of Denmark
 - Germany
Professor Dr Walter Haas, Expert Advisor at the Department of Infection Epidemiology, Robert-Koch Institute
 - Israel
Dr Efrat Aflalo, Director, Health Promotion, Ministry of Health, Israel or Professor Ran D. Balicer, Head of Research for the COVID-19 National Cabinet
 - Turkey
Dr Bekir Keskinkilic, Deputy Director General of Public Health, Turkey or Dr. Gokhan Gozel, Infectious Diseases Department, Public Health Directorate General
- Followed by discussion
- 10:45–11:15 Expert Panel Discussion: WHO Headquarters, UNICEF, UNESCO, WHO Collaborating Centres
- WHO Headquarters – *Dr Anshu Banerjee, Director Maternal, Newborn, Child & Adolescent Health & Ageing*

- UNICEF – *Mr Parmosivea Bobby Soobrayan, Regional Adviser, Education*
- UNESCO – *Joanna Herat, Senior Programme Specialist on Health and Education at UNESCO*
- WHO Collaborating Centre for Research in Education and Health and UNESCO *Education and Health Chair, Professor Didier Jourdan*
- Schools for Health in Europe – *D. Ivana Pavic*
- WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion and Public Health Development, NHS Health Scotland – *Dr Eileen Scott*

11:15–11:45 Break

11:45–13:00 Exchange of views and reflection on four key questions:

1. Is the framework as proposed in the working document* understandable and feasible to implement, and what is missing?
 - a. Are the incidence thresholds as defined useful delineators, and are the corresponding indicators and measures practicable in your context?
2. What are the interventions and actions being envisaged within your country?
3. What are the main outstanding issues that need further research and deliberation?
4. How can the WHO Regional Office for Europe provide further support to Member States in the coming weeks and months?

- Russian Federation to open Exchange – *Dr Mikhail Murashko, Minister of Health*
- Malta – *Rt Hon Christopher Fearne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health*
- Albania – *Ms Ogerta Manastirliu, Minister of Health and Social Protection*
- Iceland – *Ms Lilja D. Alfredsdottir, Minister of Education, Science and Culture*
- Kazakhstan – *Dr Alexey Tsoy, Minister of Health*
- Portugal – *Dr Marta Temido, Minister of Health*
- Spain – *Dr Pilar Aparicio Azcárraga, Director General of Public Health, Quality and Innovation*
- Slovenia – *Dr Tina Bregant, State Secretary*
- Austria – *Dr Clemens Auer, Special Representative for Health, Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection*
- Switzerland – *Dr Anne Spaar, Specialist in Prevention and Public Health, Federal Department of Home Affairs, Federal Office of Public Health*
- EC DG SANTE (*tbc*)
- ECDC – *Dr Pasi Penttinen, Head, Influenza and other Respiratory Viruses Programme*
- Floor open

Closing remarks and reflections for the future.