

Written questions member's Islandcouncil for the Executive Council/ Government Commissioners.
(art.159, lid 1 WolBES/ art. 46 RvO Islandcouncil)

Issue : Written questions regarding positive Covid 19 cases of August 2021
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During the latter part of last week, the public of Statia was surprised with 2 positive Covid-19 cases. Covid-19 #1 is an imported case. Covid-19 #2 is a local case.
I would kindly like to submit the following questions (art. 159.1 WolBES/47 RvO Island Council) to the Executive Council of the island territory of Statia.

QUESTIONS:

1. Covid-19 #1, has it been verified if the individual stuck to the prescribe entrant protocol for Vaccinated persons?
 - 1a. is driving in a car with other individuals and visiting a restaurant allowed within the entry policy for vaccinated persons? And, if the individual didn't adhere to the entry policy, what are the sanctions and/or penalties that can be imposed?
2. Seeing the risks and dangers involved for the population of Statia what is being done about the posting of sensitive information and the perceived sensationalism of his infection on the internet? In your expert opinion, has this fostered or stigmatized our covid-19 vaccination program on Statia?
3. Did this individual visit the children daycare at Lynch? If he did come in the area of the daycare was the premises disinfected before use by the teachers and children?
4. Covid-19 #2, was the GGD able to verify where the patient came in contact with the virus?
5. If it was during the quarantine period, has it been verified if there was an asymptomatic carrier that transmitted the virus to Covid-19 #2?
6. If the infection took place at the SMMC, what measures have been put in place to assure that these type of infections don't occur again? Also are the regular "bubble flights" going to be put on hold?
7. Was Covid-19 #2 required to undergo a PCR test before traveling to Statia?
8. Seeing that SMMC has many issues with infections at their facility and also the exploding covid situation on St. Maarten, what steps has ZVK and the local government taken to protect patients travelling for medical care? Dialysis patients and bubble flight?
9. What is the status of the much talked about dialysis center for Statia?
10. Seeing that SMMC has many issues with infections and overcrowding at their facility and also the exploding covid situation on St. Maarten. Why is that facility still the primary care giver for Statia?
11. Has an alternative primary care giver for Statian patients been look into at this time by ZVK or the local government?

ANSWERS: