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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS/COMMENTS presented on 12/08/2020 to the Cabinet of Ministers (revised 16/08/2020):

1. Reopening of schools:

- a. Phases according to COVID-19 Status in SVG are defined according to the percentage of active cases that is import or import related, once the absolute number of active cases that is not import or import related is less than 10:

Phase	Class Rooms Used/school	Number of students in each class room	Temperatures taken at classroom entrance way	Use of facial coverings	Hand hygiene capacity
Greater than 90% of active cases are imported or import related cases	All classrooms and external spaces should be utilized to encourage spacing.	All student groups should be kept constant in their composition as whole or parts	At start of school day	Strongly recommended to be used by everyone in public spaces including public transportation; Excluding school compounds considered a bubble;	Sufficient hand washing facilities in common spaces and bathrooms
75% to 90% of active cases are imported or import related cases	All in schools with the capacity for 3 feet spaced seating; In schools with insufficient space the schedule will be designed to reduce crowding	All in schools with the capacity for 3 feet spaced seating ; In schools with insufficient space the number attending will be determined to reduce crowding	At start and end of school day	Mandatory use by everyone in public spaces excluding school compounds	Sufficient hand washing facilities in common spaces and bathrooms; Hand sanitization prior to entering school compound

50% - 74% of active cases are imported or import related cases	Determined by the location of cases All in schools with the capacity for 6 feet spaced seating or with barriers in place; In schools with insufficient space the schedule will be designed to reduce crowding	All in schools with the capacity for 6 feet spaced seating or with barriers in place; In schools with insufficient space the number attending will be determined to reduce crowding	Temperatures taken by parent/guardian before student leaves home; Temperatures taken by teachers at the start and end of school day	Mandatory use by everyone in public spaces including common spaces on school compounds	Sufficient hand washing facilities in common spaces and bathrooms; Hand sanitization prior to entering school compound and class rooms
Phase	Class Rooms Used/school	Number of students in each class room	Temperatures taken at classroom entrance way	Use of facial coverings	Hand hygiene capacity
Fewer than 50% of active cases are imported or import related cases	Determined by the location of the cases Consider virtual learning for students	Consider virtual learning for all students	Temperatures taken daily at home	Mandatory facial coverings in all public spaces and recommended in private spaces	NA

- b. Good ventilation of all spaces is required, as the use of air conditioning is discouraged. Where air conditioning systems must be used, a system for the regular cleaning of filters must be implemented.
- c. Facial coverings in public transport would reduce the risk to the school children as they journey to school and therefore allow for a **home-bubble to school-bubble** system.
- d. Sessions on the revised Protocols and Standard Operating Procedures to supplement the conduct of school health programmes will be conducted prior to the commencement of school. These sessions will include training on the temperature checks which should be done for each child at the entrance of each classroom at the start of the school day, the recording of these readings and the response to any elevated temperatures.
- e. Facial coverings and face shields should be used during classes as tolerated.

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