

**Question for written answer E-005540/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** ECDC and COVID-19 testing strategies

In September this year, during a meeting of the Health Security Committee (HSC), the European Commission informed the HSC that the ECDC had finalised a technical document on 'COVID-19 testing targets'. The strategy had not yet been published, but according to the report, five different strategic testing approaches had been identified to achieve specific public health objectives in different epidemiological situations. The technical details of the methods and approaches for testing COVID-19 cases were also provided.

The ECDC presented five testing scenarios in the context of controlling transmission, monitoring cases and virus frequency, mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on health and social care, rapidly identifying all clusters or outbreaks under specific conditions, and preventing the return of the virus in regions and countries that have achieved control over the virus. The document contains detailed information on testing methods, including contact tracing and additional security restrictions:

1. Does the ECDC, on the recommendation of the Commission, plan to present a new set of updated recommendations concerning security procedures for coordinated action by EU Member States in the context of the new and unprecedented increase in COVID-19 cases, and if so, when?
2. Has the ECDC, as an executive agency, been provisionally included on the new list of activities foreseen by its extended scope of action, which was mentioned in early October and officially announced for 24 November 2020?