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National Report 2020

Preamble:

Before I present the highlights of the last year, I would like to emphasize that I join to this report a first balance sheet of the Covid-19 pandemic sent to the Minister of Health by the board of the AMMD on July 2020.

This document is in French, one of our official languages.

General remarks:

At the beginning of 2020, the former Minister of Health, Mr. Etienne Schneider, resigned from his membership of the government and he was replaced by Mrs. Paulette Lenert, a former Minister in charge of Cooperation and Humanitarian Actions. In the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, this was a very profitable situation for the whole health care sector. So at the beginning of March when the first signs of the epidemic were evident, she invited all representatives of the health care sector for a brainstorming in order to coordinate the first actions especially in the hospital sector.

Very soon, the government decided a lockdown and confinement for 6 weeks under the slogan "Stay at home". But after a few days, when the first cases of Covid-19 were "imported" from Austria, Italy and France, the hospital sector was completely organized in order to avoid situations observed in France and Italy. Our 4 centers of acute care stopped every non urgent surgery and the Intensive Care Departments were reorganized in order to have more possibilities for intensive respiratory care.

The first weeks showed a great solidarity between the hospitals and especially between all those coming from France, Germany and Belgium as employee in our hospitals and as "Schengen Country", our Government offered hotel rooms for frontier nurses in order to avoid them travelling from home to Luxembourg and to assure the full running of the departments.

Even during the maximum peak of the pandemic, we were able to accept and treat severe intensive care patients from Alsace in our hospitals.

As usual in times of crisis and calamities, and especially in adversities in health care, the most important is to put at disposal the logistic panel to face the situation.

Thanks to our national solidarity and the help of the Government, we had from the beginning enough masks, Covid respirators and thoracic scanners. Thanks to the emergency, the administrative councils of our 4 hospital centers decided to create a common non-profit organization to assure in the future the drug stock management.

The situation today 15th of October 2020

The second wave of Covid-19 is a reality. During the last weeks, the number of new infections especially among the younger population (35 years average) increased.

Fortunately, the severe cases are low. Today, there are 4 patients in intensive care and 43 are in treatment and observation at hospital.

The reproduction rate RE_{eff} is 1,29.

The large testing in Luxembourg and the contact tracing allow the professionals to take in charge infected people as soon as possible.

Since the beginning of Covid-19, 540.000 people have been tested at least one time in Luxembourg.

Since the beginning of the epidemic, 133 persons died in relation with Covid-19.

You can see all the statistics of Covid in Luxembourg on the site: www.covid19public.lu

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