

Timeline of measures and advices during the COVID-19 outbreak in the Netherlands

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Measures and advices

Date	Scale	Measure
28/1/2020	NL	COVID-19 classified as mandatory reported A-disease
	NL	Information screens about COVID-19 at Schiphol
	NL	RIVM advice to wash hands regularly, cough and sneeze in the inside of the elbow, use paper towels
7/2/2020	NL	Confirmed cases should be isolated. Contacts should be monitored and avoid social contacts as soon as they have upcoming complaints
27/2/2020	NL	First case in NL
1/3/2020	NL	RIVM advice for everybody coming back from a foreign risk area to stay home when having mild respiratory symptoms
5/3/2020	NL	Facemasks divided between medics and healthcare professionals
	NL	Preparing facilities for mild cases that have no possibilities for home quarantine
6/3/2020	NL	First death in NL
	Noord-Brabant	Stay home when mild symptoms like cold, coughing, sneezing, or fever
9/3/2020	NL	No handshakes
	Noord-Brabant	Work from home if possible
10/3/2020	Noord-Brabant	No gatherings of more than 1000 people (including festivals, concerts, fairs, football matches)
	Noord-Brabant	Reducing contacts and starting only necessary new contacts
	Noord-Brabant	Protect elderly and vulnerable
	Noord-Brabant	Call to all organizers of events to reconsider gatherings
12/3/2020	NL	Stay home when mild symptoms like cold, coughing, sneezing, or fever
	NL	No gatherings of more than 100 persons
	NL	Work from home if possible
	NL	Vulnerable groups (elderly and chronically ill): avoid large groups and public transport. Reduce contacts with vulnerable groups
	NL	College and Universities: Switch to video courses
	NL	Schools stay open due to low contribution to transmission and parents can fulfill critical jobs.
	NL	Health care personnel: stay home only if mild symptoms and fever. Do not travel abroad
15/3/2020	NL	All restaurants and bars are closed
	NL	Sport/fitness clubs, saunas, sex clubs and coffeeshops are closed
	NL	Everybody should try to keep at least 1.5 meters distance from

16/3/2020	NL	Schools and daycare facilities are closed. Teachers try to organize home educations, with priority for exam classes. Children of parents with critical jobs can go to schools or daycare
	NL	Delivery and take-away of food by restaurants and bars remains possible. But avoid crowds, avoid being close to other people and take your food home with you (don't eat it on site). Coffee shops can remain open for take-away orders
20/3/2020	NL	Nursing homes and small-scale housings for elderly care are closed to visitors and other people not necessarily needed for basic care
23/3/2020	NL	Stay home as much as possible. Keep at least 1.5 meters distance and avoid social activities and groups of people. Maximum of 3 visitors at home and keep distance
	NL	Whole family should stay home when one member has mild respiratory symptoms and fever
	NL	All gatherings will be banned, even with less than 100 people. Excepted are funerals, weddings and religious gatherings (maximum of 30 persons, 1.5 meter distance), and legally required meetings and work-related meetings necessary for continuation of daily activities (maximum of 100 persons, 1.5 distance)
	NL	Stores and public transport are required to take measures to guarantee that people keep distance
	NL	Hairdressers, beauticians and others in so-called contact professions in the field of external care are no longer allowed to practice their profession. For physiotherapists, for example, work as much as possible via video calling
	NL	At locations such as holiday parks, measures must be taken to allow people to keep 1.5 meters away. If one is not able to do this, municipalities may close these locations.
	NL	Mayors can designate areas where group formation is prohibited. These can be parks, beaches or neighborhoods. In groups of 3 or more that do not keep a meter and a half away, maintenance is maintained. Persons in the same household, such as families, and children are excluded. Markets are excluded from this because they are an essential part of the food chain in some places in the country. Municipalities and market masters must however look at how they can ensure that sufficient distance is guaranteed.
	NL	To be able to better enforce the existing measures, mayors are given the opportunity to act more quickly and easily through an emergency ordinance. Mayors can close specific locations, such as parks, beaches, and campgrounds. Fines can also be imposed.
24/3/2020	NL	Casinos are now subject to the same measure as food and beverage outlets
29/4/2020	NL	Children and young people can participate in supervised outdoor sports. No (official) matches may be played. Children up to the age of 12 can exercise together under supervision. Young people from 13 to 18 years old are allowed to exercise

		outside with each other under supervision, but with a distance of 1.5 meters between them.
11/5/2020	NL	<p>Schools in primary education, including special (primary) education, day care and childminder care open their doors. Children can go to out-of-school care (BSO) on the days they go to school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary schools reduce the group size in the classroom; children go to school 50% of the time. Schools themselves decide how they organize the 50% teaching time, which is based on whole days of education. - Children in special education and special primary education return to full school. - Pupils in newcomer facilities will go back to school from May 11. This only applies to primary education for newcomers at school locations that are linked to an asylum reception location and at school locations that only teach newcomers. - There is emergency shelters for children whose parents work in crucial professions and for pupils who are vulnerable because of their home situation.
	NL	Young people from 13 to 18 years old can, in addition to exercising together, also follow activities together (such as to scouting). With a distance of 1.5 meters.
	NL	Most contact professions are possible again. These are driving instructors, (para) medical professions (dietician, masseur, occupational therapist, dental prosthetician, etc.), employees in external care (hairstylist, beautician, pedicure, etc.) and alternative medicine (acupuncturist, homeopath, etc.). The work is organized as far as possible at a distance of 1.5 meters. The work is by appointment, whereby the entrepreneur / employee and the customer discuss in advance whether the visit poses a risk.
	NL	Libraries open their doors to the public again and take measures so that visitors can keep 1.5 meters away from each other.
	NL	In train, bus and metro you are advised to wear non-medical masks. Only use public transport if you really need to, avoid rush hour and give each other space.
25/5/2020	NL	One regular visitor per nursing home resident is allowed under certain conditions. This only applies to nursing homes that are ready for this and meet all the conditions.
1/6/2020	NL	Everyone is allowed to exercise, exercise and follow activities outside (including teaching), provided they are kept 1.5 meters away. This distance does not apply to children up to and including the age of 12. Competitions, communal changing rooms and showers are prohibited. For children and young people up to and including the age of 18, it is still the case that outdoor sports are supervised.
	NL	Everyone aged >12 years is obliged to wear non-medical masks in public transport, because it will probably get busier in public transport and it will become more difficult at some point to keep 1.5 meters away.
	NL	Terraces allowed with seats with a distance of 1.5 meters;

	NL	Cinemas, restaurants and cafes, and cultural institutions (such as concert halls and theaters) are allowed to open, subject to: - a maximum of 30 persons (incl. staff) and 1.5 meters away; - visitors must make reservations; - in a conversation beforehand between entrepreneur and customer, it is estimated whether a visit poses risks.
	NL	Museums and monuments with a public function are open from 12:00 on the basis of a reservation and a check-in
2/6/2020	NL	Secondary education partly reopens. Schools take measures so that 1.5 meters distance can be maintained. In practice, this means that not all pupils can be at school at the same time. Also secondary special education are open to all students. Here too schools take measures so that 1.5 meters can be kept away. This requires customization and will not always be possible in this type of education
8/6/2020	NL	Primary education reopens 100%. - Out-of-school care follows the scheme of education and also opens again. Children are then taken care of on their fixed days that are agreed in the contract. - The emergency shelter is now only available (until July 1) for children of parents who work in healthcare (evening / night / weekend).
15/6/2020	NL	Secondary vocational education (mbo) again take exams and give practical lessons. A plan is being made to open MBO further in due course and to open higher education (HBO) again
19/6/2020	NL	Nursing home residents may receive more than one visitor again. The most important condition for the relaxation is that it can only take place in departments where no infections with the corona virus have been detected. Visitors must also keep a distance of 1.5 meters as much as possible.
1/7/2020	NL	Students in secondary school do not longer have to keep 1.5 meters distance from each other. This means that secondary schools can provide regular education after the summer holiday period. Students and teaching staff must always keep 1.5 meters away.
		The communal toilets and showers at the campsites and holiday parks are open again.
		The maximum number of visitors is expanded to 100 people for cinemas, restaurants and cafes, cultural institutions. This also applies to organized meetings, such as church services, weddings and funerals.
		Fitness clubs, saunas and wellness centers, club canteens, and casinos will open again.
6/8/2020	NL	College/Universities organize their introduction activities online as much as possible. Physical activities can only take place in small groups and are informative in nature. Study associations and student sports associations may only organize physical activities insofar as they are necessary for the introduction of the study or sport. Physical meetings take place in small groups, have an end time of 10 PM at the latest and no

		alcohol is consumed. The management of the educational institution concerned and the chairman of the safety region must give permission for the activities. Physical recruitment and introduction activities by student associations are not allowed.
		The hospitality sector will work indoors and outdoors, regardless of the size of the catering establishment, on the basis of reservation (in advance or at the door), a health check and the allocation of a fixed seat (placement) at a table or at the bar. In addition, all visitors are asked to register. Visitors leave their name and contact details on a voluntary basis so that the GGD can contact them in the event of an infection related to the catering facility.
		If source contamination is established by the GGD, chairmen of the safety region impose a closure of recreational institutions (such as cinemas, catering establishments, amusement parks, theater, museums, etc.) for a maximum of 14 days.
		Initially at Schiphol, but later also at other locations, a test street will be set up for travelers from risk areas. Upon arrival, travelers will be tested and quarantined at home for 14 days. Even those who do not get tested go home in home quarantine for 14 days.
		The presidents of the security regions have options to prevent and control the coronavirus hot spots. These local and regional measures focus on compliance with the basic rules and on preventing crowds so that the virus does not spread further.
18/8/2020	NL	Receive a maximum of 6 people in the house or in the garden, excluding children up to and including 12 years old and your own household.
		Continue to work from home as much as possible.
		Home quarantine is reduced from 14 to 10 days.
20/9/2020	Safety regions Amsterdam- Amstelland; Rotterdam- Rijnmond; Haaglanden; Utrecht; Kennemerland; Hollands Midden.	On occasions with a catering permit, the check-in of guests stops at midnight. Then the music also turns off. These establishments close at 1 a.m.
		Groups may not exceed 50 people. For example at parties, drinks and outings, both indoors and outdoors. There are a number of exceptions to this rule, such as demonstrations, religious gatherings, funerals, and dance and theater practices.
		There is a duty to report for meetings with more than 50 people. This applies, for example, to publicly accessible concerts in a park. An exception to this duty to report applies to, for example, occasions with a catering permit, religious gatherings, markets, supermarkets, shops, libraries, cultural institutions and comparable locations where visitors stay shortly.

27/9/2020	Brabant-Noord; Brabant Zuidoost; Flevoland; Gelderland-Zuid; Gooi en Vechtstreek; Groningen; Zaanstreek- Waterland; Zuid-Holland Zuid	The three measures listed at 20/9/2020, now also apply to the safety regions mentioned in the second column.
29/9/2020	NL	Working from home remains the norm, unless that is really not possible. If contamination does occur in a work situation, the work location can be closed for 14 days.
		Visits in your own home, in the garden or on the balcony are limited to 3 guests. This applies in addition to your own household and excluding children up to and including 12 years old.
		In buildings other than the owner-occupied home, a group may be formed with a maximum of 4 people. Children up to and including 12 are not included. This means that a reservation at a cinema or restaurant can be made for 1 household or a maximum of 4 people, excluding children.
		The number of people per room is limited to 30. This includes children up to and including 12 years old and excluding staff. Food and beverage outlets open until 9 p.m., the store is closed at 10 p.m.
		Sports canteens are closed.
		For indoor spaces with a flow of visitors, such as in monuments, libraries and museums, visits are based on a reservation per period. Markets and retail are excluded from this.
		People with a contact profession ask their customers to register, just like in the hospitality industry.
		For activities outside, where there is no continuous flow of people, a maximum of 40 people applies. This includes children up to and including 12 years old and excluding staff.
		If there is a continuous flow of people outside, such as in zoos or at markets, there is a standard for the number of visitors per square meter.
		Sports competitions, both amateur and professional, take place without an audience.
		The advice is to limit the number of travel movements as much as possible.
		Exception to new maximum for indoor space (max 30) - and outdoor activities (max 40): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persons at a funeral - meetings in a building that are necessary for the continuation of the daily activities of institutions, companies and other organizations with a maximum of 100 people per independent space; - demonstrations, gatherings and meetings as referred

		<p>to in the Public Events Act;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - professing religion or philosophy of life; - educational establishments, training establishments and childcare; - public transport and other commercial passenger transport (no tour boats, etc.) - sports facilities; - youth associations 0 to 18 (eg scouting, culture and art); - airports; - the meetings of the States General, the municipal council, provincial councils and the general management of a water board, or a committee thereof, and other legally required meetings; - a meeting of an international organization that is established in the territory of the Kingdom, or of a party to a treaty to which the Kingdom is a party; - The maximum number of people may also be released when there is a flow of visitors, such as in shops, markets, libraries, museums, zoos, amusement parks and fairs. 2 conditions apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All shops must have door policies to keep people 1.5 meters away and supermarkets and large food stores must introduce special shopping hours for the elderly and people with fragile health. This is further elaborated by the retail trade itself. The rules will take effect on October 5. o Safety regions determine after consultation with transfer locations how many visitors may be admitted at the same time. This takes into account the surface of the location and the ability to guarantee a distance of 1.5 meters. Markets and retail are excluded from this. <p>Exemption of maximum 30 per room in buildings of great importance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Security regions can grant an exemption for a maximum of 30 people per room in buildings of great importance to the region. <p>Exception to new maximum group size (max 4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persons who form 1 household; - children up to 13 years old; - professing a religion or belief; - funerals; - persons who practice theater, dance, sports or music in
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		<p>the form of cultural expression;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - profession, company or association; - meetings or demonstrations according to the Public Events Act; - meetings of the States General, municipal council, provincial councils, general management of the water board or committees thereof; - meetings of international organizations or contracting parties; - elections; - N.B. students and pupils do not form company in education. <p>Exception to horeca stop (last walk-in 21:00, 22:00 business closed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - catering at airports after the security check. <p>Exception to registration requirement for contact professions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This obligation does not apply to professions for which the registration obligation would impede the exercise of the profession or the safety or well-being of those involved. These are, for example, healthcare providers, enforcers, investigators.
30/9/2020	NL	<p>All people from 13 years of age are urgently advised to wear (non-medical) mouth masks in publicly accessible indoor areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - shops, museums, town halls, stations, airports, parking garages, petrol stations; - restaurants, cafes, theaters and concert halls; - in the performance of contact professions, both for the service provider and the customer. <p>It is not an obligation, but it is urgent advice. In a number of cases, wearing a mouth mask is not possible. This applies, for example, to people who cannot wear the mouth mask due to medical reasons or other limitations. But even while practicing a sport, wearing a mouth mask is usually not possible.</p>
5/10/2020	NL	<p>Urgent advice to wear facemasks outside of class in secondary education (VO), MBO and higher education (HO).</p>
14/10/2020	NL	<p>Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At home you receive a maximum of 3 people per day. - In indoor areas where people are seated, a maximum number of people is 30. - Inside (not in the home situation) and outside, a group consists of a maximum of 4 people from different households. - A household does not have a maximum number of

		<p>people</p>
		<p>The daily life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work from home, unless there is no other option. - From the age of 13, wear a face mask in public indoor areas and on public transport. - In secondary education (VO), MBO and higher education (HO) everyone wears a mask outside of class. - All food and beverage outlets close their doors. Pick up is still possible. The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hotels for hotel guests o Funeral homes o Airports past the security check o Locations with a combined function close the part with a catering function - Retail stores close by 8:00 PM at the latest. Shopping evenings will be abolished. Food shops may remain open later. - No more alcohol is sold or delivered between 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM. - It is not allowed to carry or consume alcohol in public areas between 20:00 and 07:00. - Events are prohibited, with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Food markets o Trade fairs and conferences o Cinemas and theaters o Matches o Demonstrations, gatherings and meetings as referred to in the Public Events Act - In the retail trade, agreements are made about strict compliance with the protocols. If it gets too busy, or if the ground rules are not followed, (part of) a location can be closed. Enforcement is being tightened up. - At so-called transfer locations (for example monuments, libraries and museums), visits must be made on the basis of a reservation per period, with the exception of retail trade and food markets.
		<p>Sports is only possible to a limited extent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For everyone over 18, sports are only allowed at a distance of 1.5 meters and only individually or in a team with no more than 4 people. Competitions are not allowed. - The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Top athletes with status in designated locations (such as Papendal) o Football players (including other personnel in

		<p>“bubble”) of the Eredivisie and Eerste Divisie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For children up to the age of 18 (team sports and mutual competitions with teams of their own club allowed). - In addition to the sports canteens, showers and changing rooms are also closed.
		<p>To travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel as little as possible - Stay at your holiday address as much as possible - Limit the number of trips and avoid crowds - For abroad the following applies: follow travel advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
23/10/2020	NL	Hotels are also not allowed to sell alcohol after 20.00
4/11/2020	NL	<p>Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At home you receive a maximum of 2 people per day. - Inside and outside, a group consists of a maximum of 2 people from different households. - A household has no maximum number of people. - For funerals, a maximum of 30 people applies from 9 November. - A maximum of 20 people applies for weddings.
		<p>The daily life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay at home as much as possible, even during holidays. - Avoid unnecessary travel. - Work at home, unless there is no other option. - From the age of 13, wear a face mask in public indoor areas and on public transport. - In secondary education (VO), MBO and higher education (HO) everyone wears a mask outside of class. - All publicly accessible locations are closed. Such as museums, theaters, sex clubs, casinos, cinemas, amusement parks, animal parks, swimming pools and libraries. - All food and beverage outlets are closed. Pick up is still possible. - The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hotels for hotel guests o Funeral centers o Airports past the security check o Locations with a combined function close the part with a catering function - Retail stores close by 8:00 PM at the latest. Shopping evenings will be abolished. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Food shops may remain open later.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commodities markets remain open. - No more alcohol is sold or delivered between 8:00 PM - 7:00 AM. - It is not allowed to carry or consume alcohol in public areas between 20:00 and 07:00. - Events (indoor and outdoor) are prohibited, with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrations, gatherings and meetings as referred to in the Public Events Act. - In the retail sector, agreements are made about strict compliance with the protocols. If it gets too busy, or if the ground rules are not observed, (part of) a location can be closed. Enforcement is being tightened up.
		<p>Sports is only possible to a limited extent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For everyone over 18, sports are only allowed at a distance of 1.5 meters and only individually or in a team with no more than 2 people. Competitions are not allowed. - The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top athletes with status in designated locations (such as Papendal) ○ Football players (including other personnel in 'bubble') of the Eredivisie and Eerste divisie. - For children up to 18 years old (team sports and mutual competitions with teams from their own club allowed). - In addition to the sports canteens, showers and changing rooms are also closed. - Group lessons are prohibited. - No audience for sports.
		<p>To travel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For traveling in the Netherlands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay at home as much as possible. ○ Avoid unnecessary travel. ○ Are you going on vacation anyway? Stay at your holiday address as much as possible. ○ Limit the number of trips and avoid crowds. - The following applies to traveling abroad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not make or book trips abroad until mid-January unless absolutely necessary. ○ Holidays and family visits are not necessary trips. ○ Before your trip, always check the current travel advice per country on Nederlandwereldwereld.nl. ○ Are you returning from an area with orange

		<p>travel advice? Go into home quarantine for 10 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Traveling to Caribbean parts of the Kingdom is possible. Check the current travel advice for this.
19/11/2020	NL	<p>Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At home you receive a maximum of 3 people per day. You receive a maximum of 1 group of people per day. - Outside your home you may form a group with a maximum of 4 people from different households. - In indoor spaces where people are seated, a maximum number of people is 30.
		<p>The daily life:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel as little as possible. - Work from home, unless there is no other option. - Everyone aged 13 or older is advised to wear a face mask in public indoor areas and on public transport. - In secondary education (VO), secondary vocational education (MBO) and higher education (HO), everyone is advised to wear a mask outside of class. - All food and beverage outlets close their doors. Pick up is still possible. The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hotels for hotel guests who stay overnight. ○ Funeral homes. ○ Airports past the security check. ○ Company canteens. ○ Food and beverage facilities in healthcare facilities for patients and visitors of patients. ○ Food and beverage outlets at locations for organized daytime activities for vulnerable groups. ○ Locations with a combined function close the part with a catering function. - Retail stores close by 8:00 PM at the latest. - Stores that mainly sell food may remain open later. - No more alcohol is sold or delivered between 8:00 PM and 7:00 AM. - It is not allowed to carry or consume alcohol in public areas between 20:00 and 07:00. - Events are prohibited, with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commodities markets (the regular weekly markets). ○ Trade fairs and conferences. ○ Cinemas, theaters, concert halls, museums, etc. ○ Matches of athletes in top sport institutions,

		<p>matches in the Eredivisie and Eerste Divisie of football and people up to the age of 18 who practice sports at their own club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrations, gatherings and meetings as referred to in the Public Event Act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strict adherence to protocols remains important in the retail sector. If it gets too busy, or if the ground rules are not followed, (part of) a location can be closed. Enforcement is being tightened up. - At zoos, museums, libraries and other transfer locations, visits must take place on the basis of a reservation per period. This does not apply to retail trade and commodity markets (the ordinary weekly markets). - Ban on singing in groups, with the exception of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional singers. ○ Children up to 12 years old. ○ Singing as part of a profession of faith or belief. ○ Sing as part of a demonstration. - A maximum of 100 people may be present at funerals.
		<p>Sports is limited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For everyone over 18 years, sports are only allowed at a distance of 1.5 meters. Sports are allowed individually or in a team with no more than 4 people. Competitions are not allowed. The exceptions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Top athletes with status in designated locations (such as Papendal). ○ Football players (including other personnel in “bubble”) of the Eredivisie and Eerste Divisie. - For children up to the age of 18 (team sports and mutual competitions with teams of their own club allowed). - Sports canteens, showers and changing rooms are closed. - No audience for sports.
		<p>To travel:</p> <p>For traveling in the Netherlands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel as little as possible. - Are you going on vacation anyway? Stay at your holiday address as much as possible. - Limit the number of trips and avoid crowds. <p>The following applies to traveling abroad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not make or book trips abroad until mid-January unless absolutely necessary. - Holidays and family visits are not necessary trips. - Before your trip, always check the current travel advice

		<p>for each country on Nederlandwereldwereld.nl.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you returning from an area with orange travel advice? Go into home quarantine for 10 days. - Traveling to Caribbean parts of the Kingdom is possible. Check the current travel advice for this.
1/12/2020	NL	<p>Wearing a mouth mask is mandatory in all public and indoor areas, in education, public transport and in contact professions.</p>
15/12/2020	NL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go only outside with your household or with a group of maximum 2 people - Receive a maximum of 2 people at home aged 13 or older - Number of locations to close: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Shops (except for essentials such as food) o Locations of contact professions such as hairdressers, nail salons, sex establishments o Theaters, concert halls, cinemas, casinos, etc. o Animal parks, amusement parks, etc. o Indoor sports locations such as gyms, swimming pools, saunas, wellness, etc. o Restaurants and cafes o Hotels are open, but restaurants and room service in a hotel are closed. - Urgent advice to work from home - Adults exercise alone or in pairs, and only outside. Children up to and including 17 years are allowed to play sports as a team and can play matches among themselves, but also only outside. - Public transport is only for necessary travel - At least until mid-March, do not book trips abroad or go abroad - Only (para)medical contact professions are allowed <p>There are exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On 24, 25 and 26 December you can receive 3 people at home aged 13 or older - Healthcare must remain accessible as much as possible. Operators of (para) medical professions are allowed to continue working. - Shops selling mainly foodstuffs, drugstores, pharmacies, opticians, hearing care professionals, repair and maintenance shops may remain open. Do-it-yourself stores may set up a takeaway function. - Service points for receiving and sending parcels may remain open - Locations for business services (banks, mortgage lending, brokers) will remain open. The counter of the municipality, the court and other government locations

		<p>will also remain open.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection of books from libraries remains possible. - Community centers remain open to provide services to vulnerable people. - Top athletes in top sports competitions are allowed to train and play matches.
16/12/2020	NL	<p>Primary and secondary schools mainly provide distance education. In secondary education, practical training, lessons for exam students and taking school exams in the (pre) exam year can take place on location. In MBO, HBO and WO, exams and exams may be taken and practical training is possible. In all forms of education, an exception may be made for guiding vulnerable pupils and students. Childcare and out-of-school care are closed during this period. Children of parents who have a crucial profession can go to primary school or to childcare and after-school care.</p>
20/1/2021	NL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not receive more than 1 person at home aged 13 or older per day. - Visit no more than one person per day.
23/1/2021	NL	<p>A curfew is introduced. Everyone stays indoors from 9 pm to 4.30 am. introduce a curfew throughout the Netherlands within days of the consent of the House of Representatives. It is then the intention that everyone stays indoors from 8.30 pm to 4.30 am. Exceptions are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In case of a calamity; - If you, a person in need or an animal needs urgent (medical) help; - If your employer requires you to go out for work; - If you travel abroad or return to the Netherlands; - If you are on the road in connection with a funeral and can prove this; - If you are on the road in connection with a summons from a judge, public prosecutor or objection or appeal hearing and can prove this; - When walking a dog on a leash. You do this on your own. <p>If it is necessary to go outside, people should bring a "Self-declaration curfew" form. If you need to go outside for work, you must also show an employer's statement. In some cases, a form is not required.</p>
		<p>Do not travel or book trips that take place up to and including March 31. The cabinet is taking additional measures to prevent the import of new variants of the virus via travelers and to further limit the number of travel movements. The United Kingdom has a flight ban and a mooring ban for passenger ferries. The flight ban will also apply to passenger flights from South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Cape Verde, Panama,</p>

		<p>Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela. For the time being, this flight ban applies for a maximum of one month, or until the intended mandatory quarantine for travelers has been legally regulated.</p> <p>In addition, all travelers from high-risk areas who come to the Netherlands by plane or ship must also be able to show a negative rapid test just before departure to the Netherlands. This test is a maximum of 4 hours old upon boarding. This is in addition to the already mandatory negative PCR test, which must be taken no more than 72 hours before arrival. These measures also apply to travelers to the Caribbean Netherlands. In addition, they must be quarantined for 10 days upon arrival in the Netherlands. After 5 days someone can get tested. If the result of this PCR test is negative, the quarantine ends. Because rapid tests are not available everywhere in the vicinity of ports and airports, it is expected in practice that the double test obligation will lead to a decrease in the number of journeys to our country. That means it will be difficult for some people to get home. Dutch nationals who have to travel to the Netherlands due to an emergency and cannot submit a negative PCR / rapid test in time, can report to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>An entry ban has been in force for certain groups of travelers from countries outside the EU since March. The cabinet has decided to shorten the list of exceptions to this ban. This means that business travelers, students, highly skilled migrants, professionals from the cultural and creative sector and long-distance lovers who come for short stays are no longer allowed to enter the Netherlands.</p>
25/1/2021	NL	A maximum of 50 people may be present at a funeral.
8/2/2021	NL	Primary schools, childcare and special education reopen. Out-of-school care (BSO) will remain closed
10/2/2021	NL	<p>People can order and collect items from shops. This comes with the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you order from home, online or by phone; - the collection point at the store is outside; - you can only pick up items in a certain time slot; - you collect your belongings on your own; - there is a minimum of 4 hours between ordering and collection
1/3/2021	NL	Secondary education and MBO will partly reopen. In practice, this means that all secondary school pupils go to school at least 1 day a week under certain conditions. For MBO students, 1 day per week applies for the time being.
3/3/2021	NL	People with contact professions, such as hairdressers and masseurs, may resume their profession. Reservations are required and there must be a check for complaints. It is important to wear a mouth mask and keep a distance of 1.5

		meters where possible. The extension also applies to driving instructors. For the theory exams, it is now being worked out how these can be made safely as quickly as possible. Sex workers are not yet allowed to practice their profession
		People up to the age of 26 can exercise together with more than two people in sports facilities without keeping a distance of 1.5 meters. Not in a competition context, but with your own team within your own club. Previously this was only possible for young people up to and including 17 years old.
		Stores may receive customers by appointment. A maximum of 2 customers may be in the store at the same time per floor. Customers must register 4 hours in advance. A visit takes at least 10 minutes. This is to prevent contacts between customers who quickly alternate.
8/3/2021		If residents of nursing homes are vaccinated, there is room for two visitors per day. This can also be different visitors during the week.
9/3/2021		The flight and mooring ban for the United Kingdom is lifted. The British variant of the corona virus has already been spread in the Netherlands, which is why this ban no longer has any added value. The current testing obligations for travelers from the United Kingdom will remain in place, as will the urgent quarantine advice.
16/3/2021	NL	Swimming lessons are available for children up to the age of 12 years, so that they can get their A, B or C diploma.
		Larger stores are allowed to have one customer per 25 square meters of retail space. All at a distance of 1.5 meters from each other. A maximum of 50 customers may be in the store at a time, if the store is large enough for this. The rule still applies that people make an appointment at least 4 hours in advance, and that the store works with time slots of at least 10 minutes. Small stores remain to allow a maximum of 2 customers at the same time.
		Adults aged 27 and older are allowed to exercise outside in sports facilities with a maximum of 4 people. The conditions are that they keep a distance of 1.5 meters. In addition, municipalities may organize sports activities at other locations.
		On-site theoretical exams and lessons may again be organized aimed at driving or maintaining a means of transport. This only applies to people who need this for their profession or for their business. People who have been imposed an educational measure to improve their driving behavior can also take the theory test again.
		An entry ban applies to travelers from countries outside the EU. The list of exceptions to this was temporarily suspended for a number of groups. Those exceptions apply again. This means that the following groups are allowed to re-enter the Netherlands: business travelers, students, highly skilled migrants, professionals from the cultural and creative sector and long-distance lovers.
31-3-2021	NL	- The curfew will start at 10 PM instead of 9 PM. This means

		<p>that from 22:00 to 04:30 it is forbidden to be on the street without a valid reason.</p> <p>- Stores that mainly sell food, such as supermarkets, close at 9:45 PM instead of 8:45 PM. You can also pick up food from food or beverage outlets until 21:45.</p>
19-4-2021	NL	The out-of-school care will be fully open again
26-4-2021	NL	Students at universities and high schools can take classes on location approximately 1 day a week. This is only possible under conditions, such as keeping a distance of 1.5 meters. Self-tests will be available for students and staff from May.
28-4-2021	NL	The curfew will be canceled on April 28 at 4:30 AM.
		The maximum number of people advised to receive at home is increased to 2 people per day. The maximum number of visits is once per day.
		Outdoor terraces can be opened from 12:00 to 18:00, subject to conditions. The maximum number of guests on a terrace is 50. There are fixed seats and self-service is not allowed. A maximum of 2 people are seated 1.5 meters away at a table. Unless it concerns people from the same household and children up to and including 12 years old, more people are allowed at a table, less than 1.5 meters away. Visitors can pay indoors, go to the toilet or use the cloakroom. A mouth mask is required inside.
		All stores are allowed to receive customers again without a store appointment. Conditions do apply, such as a maximum number of visitors in a store. It's still important to avoid crowds. Therefore, go to a store at a quiet time, such as early in the morning. And go alone as much as possible. Non-essential stores, such as clothing stores, are open from 6am to 8pm. Essential stores, such as supermarkets, are allowed to reopen at their usual times. Wearing a mouth mask in shops remains mandatory.
		Products other than foodstuffs may also be sold on commodity markets. Such as clothing and cosmetics.
		Theory exams for a driver's license, navigation or flight license are possible again.
		The maximum number of people at a funeral will be increased to 100.
19-5-2021	NL	From the age of 27 sports outside in groups allowed at a distance of 1.5 meters. Max. 30 people per group.
		Indoor sports venues reopen. From the age of 18, sports with max. 2 people are allowed at a distance of 1.5 meters. Reservations and health check required. No group lessons, competitions and audience. Max. 30 people per space.
		Non-essential travel allowed within the Netherlands. Travel during quiet times.
		Outside: venues for performing arts, open-air museums, monuments and sculpture gardens reopen. Inside: locations for art and culture reopen. Art and culture practice with max. 2 people 1.5 meters away. Reservations and

		health check. Max. 30 people per space.
		Outdoor terraces open from 6am to 8pm. Reservations with a maximum of 2 people (excluding children up to and including 12 years old or 1 household) and a health check is compulsory. Outdoor terraces of sports canteens open. Max. 50 people per terrace.
		Attraction, nature and animal parks open. Outdoor game venues, such as mini golf and climbing forests, are open. Indoor areas closed. Reservations with a maximum of 2 people (excluding children up to and including 12 years old or 1 household) and a health check is compulsory. Rental locations for recreational activities open, such as for rental of boats, canoes and bicycles.
		Sex workers are allowed to resume their profession. A health check is mandatory.
20-5-2021	NL	Libraries reopen
5-6-2014	NL	The maximum number of people allowed to receive at home is increased to 4 people per day. Always wash your hands on arrival and keep 1,5 meters away from people outside your household or family. Children up to the age of 12 are not included.
	NL	The maximum group size is increased to 4 people. Always keep at least 1.5 meters away from people outside your household or family. Children up to the age of 12 are not included.
	NL	The advice on working from home if possible remains valid, but meetings of internal teams for, for example, training, development and education are allowed again.
	NL	There is a maximum of 50 visitors at a distance of 1.5 meters per room or room. An exception to this are the large halls with 1000 or more permanent seats. A maximum of 250 visitors at a distance of 1.5 meters applies to this. This applies to all large indoor and outdoor halls. For example, event halls, open-air theatres, concert halls, etc.
		Indoor museums and monuments reopen. For museums, 1 visitor per 10 m ² may be present. Cinemas, art houses, pop venues and theaters can also open again under conditions such as reservation, a health check, and fixed seats. A reservation is for a maximum of 4 people, with the exception of children up to and including 12 years old and people of the same household. There is a maximum of 50 visitors at a distance of 1.5 meters per room or room. For museums, 1 visitor per 10 m ² may be present. An exception to this are the large halls with a capacity of 1000 permanent seats or more. Here, a maximum of 250 people can sit at 1.5 meters. This excludes staff.
		Practicing art and culture in groups is allowed again for all ages. This means, for example, that an orchestra can rehearse together. While practicing, it is not necessary to keep a distance of 1.5 meters if there is no other way. However, there is a maximum number of people per room, this may not be more than 50, excluding teacher. Audience is not allowed.

		<p>The interior spaces of amusement, nature and animal parks are also allowed to open. Casinos and game locations, saunas and wellness centers are also allowed to open. A maximum of 1 person per 10 square meters or a maximum of 50 people per space at a distance of 1.5 meters applies. What applies depends on the nature of the activity. So whether you move or sit for the most part. Reservations, registration and a health check are required. A reservation is for a maximum of 4 people, with the exception of children and people of the same household. Visitors wear a mask inside.</p>
		<p>Adults are allowed to exercise again in groups of up to 50 people without keeping 1.5 meters away if necessary for exercise. Young people and children no longer had to keep a distance of 1.5 meters while exercising.</p> <p>Youth competitions in competition for persons up to and including 17 years old are allowed again. Still without spectators. Persons from the age of 18 are not allowed to play a competition yet, but mutual matches between athletes from the same club are allowed. Audience at amateur competitions is not yet allowed. Changing rooms, showers and saunas will also open. And the sports canteens are also allowed to open. Reservations and a health check remain mandatory. Inside someone has to wear a mouth cap, but it is allowed to take it off while exercising.</p>
		<p>Food and beverage outlets are allowed to reopen between 06:00 and 22:00. A permanent seat at a table is mandatory, sitting at the bar is not allowed. A maximum of 4 people can sit at a table. They keep 1,5 meters away. This does not apply to children up to the age of 12 or people from the same household. There may be a maximum of 50 people per room, excluding staff. This also applies to terraces. In restaurants and eateries, a maximum of 2 shifts per evening per table applies for dinner. Self-service is not allowed. Entertainment such as live performances or video screens for sports matches is also not allowed. A reservation, health check and fixed seat are required.</p>
		<p>No alcoholic beverages may be sold between 10pm and 6am. Previously, this ban went into effect at 8 p.m. You can collect from coffee shops until 10 pm. This was 8 pm.</p>
		<p>All stores will reopen according to their regular opening hours. This means that late night shopping is also allowed again. More people are also allowed in a store: 1 per 10 square meters.</p>
26-6-2021	NL	<p>Restrictions on the number of number of visitors people can receive at home and group formation outside will be released. However, it is still advised to keep a distance of one and a half meters from each other.</p>
	NL	<p>The obligation of wearing facemasks in public areas is largely released. Facemasks are only mandatory in places where the one and a half meters really cannot be maintained. This is the case in passenger transport, public transport and at designated</p>

		places around public transport, such as stations, at airports and in airplanes. Masks are also mandatory in secondary education. The mask obligation also expires in contact professions, but a check for symptoms is still required at arrival.
		The advice 'Work at home, unless there is no other option' is changing. Employees who currently work from home may also work at the office for a maximum of half of their time in consultation with their employer. The one and a half meter rule always applies in the office, also in the elevator or the canteen. Avoid travel to the office during rush hour as much as possible.
	NL	<p>All locations and events will switch back to regular opening hours. However, a number of conditions still apply for both indoor and outdoor spaces. In areas where people have a fixed seat, people must be placed with a distance of one and a half meters from each other. This means that not every seat can be occupied in a theater and that in a restaurant the tables and chairs must be far enough apart. Registration and a check conversation remain mandatory. In areas where people do not have a permanent place, such as in a shop or museum, a maximum capacity of 1 visitor per 5m² applies. If the corona admission ticket is used, the obligation of one and a half meters will lapse and the regular capacity will apply.</p> <p>All events that take place in regular public places, such as in the catering industry, cinema, trade fair and conference centers or music venues, are allowed. This means that locations with a fixed seat can use 100% of the one and a half meter capacity. And at transfer locations, such as shops and museums, 1 visitor per 5 m² can be received. From June 30, 2021, other events with a permit requirement are allowed under certain conditions.</p> <p>Where corona tickets apply, the one and a half meters does not have to be observed. From 23 June, in addition to testing for access, a vaccination certificate or a recovery certificate can also be used as a corona admission ticket. These three options can be shown in the (update of the) CoronaCheck app. A corona ticket will probably mainly be an option for an event or festival, for example. Dance venues, such as nightclubs and discotheques, can also open without restrictions by using the corona ticket.</p>
	NL	Amateur competitions are allowed again for everyone. Also with the public, they have to keep one and a half meters away from each other.
		The ban on selling alcohol after 10 p.m. will expire. This also applies to the prohibition of having and drinking alcohol in public spaces after 10 p.m. The advice on singing, screaming and wind instruments will also be cancelled.
10-7-2021	NL	The catering industry is open, provided everyone has a fixed seat and is one and a half meters away from each other. The

		corona admission ticket system that allowed an exception to the one and a half meter rule will be on break until August 13, 2021.
		All catering closes daily from midnight to 6 am. Entertainment, such as live performances and loud music, is prohibited.
		Discos and nightclubs are closing their doors again.
		Events, cultural locations and the public at professional sports competitions and sports and youth activities are accessible provided everyone has a fixed seat and is one and a half meters away from each other. When using the corona admission ticket (testing for access), extra audience may be present at these locations. Everyone has a seat and there is a limitation of the available space: a maximum of two thirds of the capacity may be used.
		An access test for a corona ticket is valid for 24 hours from Tuesday 13 July. This was 40 hours.
		Events last up to 24 hours.
19-7-2021	NL	It is advised to work from home unless there really is no other option
27-7-2021	NL	The Netherlands gives no orange travel advice to EU countries based solely on the number of corona infections. A country can still receive orange travel advice if a new virus variant appears.
		Everyone who comes to the Netherlands from abroad is advised to test, even if being fully vaccination or recovered from corona. People that have not yet been fully vaccinated or recovered from corona are urgently advised to take a free corona test at the GGD or a self-test on day 2 and day 5 after arrival.
8-8-2021	NL	To prevent the coronavirus from being taken home, travelers from the age of 12 will need a corona certificate as of 8 August 2021 when they return to the Netherlands if they come from an EU country with a yellow travel advice. People who have been fully vaccinated or have recovered from corona can demonstrate this in the CoronaCheck app. Other travelers must be tested in the country of residence before departure, a maximum of 48 hours for a PCR test and 24 hours for an antigen test to the Netherlands. They may only travel with a negative test result. For people who do not use their own transport, transport companies check this before boarding. A corona certificate can be a vaccination certificate, recovery certificate or negative test certificate. No measures apply to travelers from a country with a green travel advice.
30-8-2021	NL	In the new academic year, students will again be able to take physical classes at MBO schools, colleges and universities. The 1.5 meters no longer applies. There are, however, a number of additional preconditions for responsible physical education. Such as a maximum group size of 75 people and the use of face masks outside the classrooms or lecture halls. The urgent advice to use preventive self-testing also remains in effect.
25-9-2021	NL	Staying 1.5 metres from others is no longer mandatory, but is now an urgent advice. This allows most locations to open at

		maximum capacity
25-9-2021	NL	In the following locations, access is only possible for everyone from 13 years of age with the corona ticket: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - indoor catering (food and beverage outlets), except for pick-up; - casinos; - events, such as festivals, parties and performances; - corporate events, such as a conference; - audience at a professional sports matches; <p>- at cultural places such as cinema, theater and concert halls. From the age of 14, the use of the corona admission ticket must be checked together with the proof of identity.</p>
25-9-2021	NL	The advice to work from home as much as possible will be adjusted: work from home if possible and at the office if necessary. Employers and employees themselves make agreements about a good division between work and home.
25-9-2021	NL	The obligation of wearing facemasks in public transport is released for platforms and stations
25-9-2021	NL	In secondary education, senior secondary vocational education and higher education, the obligation to wear masks outside the classrooms or lecture halls will no longer apply.
25-9-2021	NL	In MBO and higher education, the maximum group size of 75 people in MBO and higher education will be abolished
25-9-2021	NL	In the event of a single infection in a group or class in childcare and primary education, it is no longer mandatory that the entire group or class is quarantined and tested.
3-11-2021	NL	The home working advice will be tightened to 'work at home for at least half of the working time'.
3-11-2021	NL	People should try to avoid rush hours or crowds on the road and in public transport.
6-11-2021	NL	Face masks are again mandatory in all public locations inside where no corona tickets are used, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supermarkets, shops, libraries, game locations, amusement parks. - Public transport, in stations, including shops at the station, on platforms and at tram and bus stops. - At airports and on airplanes. - When moving in MBO schools, colleges and universities. If you sit, the mouth cap can be taken off. - In the performance of contact professions, where necessary, this applies to both customer and service provider.
6-11-2021	NL	The corona ticket is mandatory for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catering, both indoors and on outdoor terraces (food and beverage outlets), except for takeout. - Casinos. - Cultural venues such as theatres, concert halls and cinemas; - Locations where there is a flow of visitors, such as museums and monuments.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Events where the public has no fixed place and there is a flow of people. For example, fairs and certain sporting events. - Events with and without a fixed seat, such as festivals, parties and performances. - Business events, such as trade fairs and conferences. - Audience at sports competitions, both professional and amateur. Youth up to the age of 18 is excluded from the audience of amateur competitions. - Organized sports practice from 18 years, such as: gym, group lessons, football, swimming. This applies to athletes and the public in all indoor and outdoor sports locations, including sports canteens. - Organized art & culture practice from 18 years, such as: music lessons and painting lessons. Or, for example, rehearsals for singing, dancing and drama.
13-11-2021	NL	Keep 1.5 meters away in those places where no corona ticket is required.
13-11-2021	NL	Wearing a facemask is mandatory in publicly accessible indoor areas where no corona ticket is required.
13-11-2021	NL	Non-essential shops and services such as clothing stores, contact professions such as the hairdresser and casinos close at 6 p.m.
13-11-2021	NL	Catering and essential shops, such as supermarket, pet store and drugstore, close at 8pm
13-11-2021	NL	In the catering industry, a corona ticket and a permanent seat are required.
13-11-2021	NL	Events close at 6 p.m. with a corona ticket and a fixed seat. And with a maximum of 1250 people per room. This mandatory closing time does not apply to art and culture performances in, for example, cinemas, theaters and concert halls.
13-11-2021	NL	Audience at sports, both professionals and amateurs, is not allowed.
13-11-2021	NL	It is advised to work from home, unless there is really no other option.
13-11-2021	NL	Receive a maximum of 4 guests per day at home.
13-11-2021	NL	For MBO, HBO and universities, a maximum group size per independent space (excl. staff) of 75 people applies. This does not apply to rooms used for interim and final examinations.
??	NL	If a housemate is infected, he or she goes into isolation. All other (vaccinated and unvaccinated) housemates must be quarantined. (Due to the time needed to develop the policy and implement it, this policy is not expected to take effect until later this week. The exact effective date will be communicated later.)*

Case definition

Date	Scale	Definition
27/1/2020	NL	<p><i>Suspected case</i></p> <p>A patient with fever (at least 38°C) and at least two of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, cold, sore throat and/or signs of lung infiltrate</p> <p>AND</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after returning from Wuhan or an area with actual transmission</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV</p> <p><i>Confirmed:</i></p> <p>Any person who has had an infection with 2019 nCoV on two independent targets by RT-PCR, regardless of whether this person meets the clinical and epidemiological criteria for suspicion</p>
1/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case</i></p> <p>The definition of 28/1 remains valid for community patients. For hospitalized patients the following definition is added:</p> <p>A person with a severe respiratory illness with fever (SARI with or without a lung infiltrate), which requires hospital treatment / support</p> <p>AND</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after returning from China</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV</p>
7/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case</i></p> <p>A new definition for both community or hospitalized patients:</p> <p>A suspected case with fever (at least 38°C) and at least one of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, shortness of breath</p> <p>AND</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after returning from China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV</p>
24/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case</i></p> <p>A person with fever* (at least 38°C) and at least one of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, shortness of breath</p> <p>AND</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days of returning from a country / region with widespread transmission. **</p> <p>OR</p> <p>the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with SARS-CoV-2 ***</p> <p>* Or a feverish feeling in the elderly, as they do not always develop a fever. An immunocompromised patient with a serious infection of any kind meeting the epidemiological criteria is a suspected case and should be tested for SARS-CoV-2.</p> <p>** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China</p>

		<p>(including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Singapore, Iran and some municipalities in Italy: Codogno e dintorni, Sesto Cremonese, Pizzighettone, Soresina, Sesto SG, Pieve Porto Morone (Lombardy Province)) and V'ò Euganeo, Mira (Province of Veneto).</p> <p>*** This applies not only to areas with widespread transmission, but also to areas with local transmission. Local transmission has been identified in the following countries, but it has not (yet) been established whether widespread transmission is involved: Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. All other municipalities in the provinces of Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna are also included. In these areas, in order to exclude COVID-19, in consultation with the LCI diagnostics will be used in patients who have been hospitalized with pneumonia, for which there is no other explanation, and who have been treated in the 14 days prior to the complaints have arisen in these areas with limited local transmission.</p>
25/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case:</i></p> <p>South Korea and a number of municipalities in Northern Italy are added to the countries / regions with widespread transmission.</p> <p>** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Singapore, South Korea and Iran. In addition, some municipalities in Italy: Codogno, Sesto Cremonese, Pizzighettone, Soresina, Sesto SG, Pieve Porto Morone Casalpusterlengo, Castiglione d'Adda, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano (Lombardy region) and V 'o Euganeo, Mira (Veneto region).</p> <p>***Local transmission has been established in the following countries: Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. However, here is not yet a widespread transmission. In addition, local transmission has been identified in the Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna regions of Italy. For these areas with local transmission, patients admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and who have been in the area with local transmission in the 14 days prior to the onset of complaints can be tested in consultation with the LCI to determine COVID- 19.</p>
28/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case:</i></p> <p>** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Singapore, South Korea and Iran, and in Northern Italy the provinces of Lombardy, Veneto, Emilia Romagna and Piedmont.</p> <p>Local transmission has been established in the following countries: Taiwan Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. However, here is not yet a widespread transmission. In the areas with local transmission, patients who are hospitalized with respiratory symptoms and have been tested in an area with local transmission in the 14 days prior to the onset of the complaints to exclude COVID-19.</p>
1/3/2020		<p><i>Suspected case</i></p> <p>** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong and Macau), Singapore, South Korea and Iran, and in Northern Italy the provinces of Lombardy, Veneto, Emilia Romagna,</p>

		Piemonte, Aosta Valley, Trentino-South Tyrol, Friuli-Julian Venice and Liguria.
3/3/2020	NL	<p>1) a patient with acute respiratory tract infection (sudden onset of at least one of the following: cough, fever, shortness of breath) AND with no other aetiology that fully explains the clinical presentation AND with a history of travel or residence in a country/area reporting local or community transmission during the 14 days prior to symptom onset;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2) a patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case in the last 14 days prior to onset of symptoms;</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3) A patient with severe acute respiratory infection (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease (e.g., cough, fever, shortness of breath)) AND requiring hospitalisation (SARI) AND with no other aetiology that fully explains the clinical presentation.</p>
11/3/2020		Given the changed epidemiology, the case definition has been adjusted for a suspicious case. From now on, the whole of Italy is considered an area with widespread transmission, while in Macau and Singapore only local transmission remains. The countries with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong), South Korea, Iran and Italy. There is now local transmission in many countries, see the most recent WHO situation reports.
12/3/2020	NL	The case definition of suspected cases released the link with a confirmed patient or return from a region with widespread transmission
20/3/2020	NL	The case definition of suspected case is released. From now on, there are laboratory confirmed cases (any person in whom infection with SARS-CoV-2 has been determined by RT-PCR on two independent targets) and persons with complains that match those of a COVID-19-infection
15/10/2020	NL	The case definition is extended with the criterion "any person who has been diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection by means of a rapid antigen test validated in the Netherlands" The new case-definition is as follows: "Any person who has been diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 infection by means of a validated PCR or other nucleic acid amplification test or an antigen rapid test validated in the Netherlands."

Testing criteria

Date	Scale	Criteria for testing
17/1/2020	NL	For patients hospitalized with a serious respiratory infection who have recently been to Wuhan, China, laboratory diagnostics for this new virus can be used in consultation with RIVM-LCI.
27/1/2020	NL	Patients with fever and at least two of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, cold, sore throat and/or signs of lung infiltrate AND That arose within 14 days after returning from Wuhan OR That arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV
1/2/2020		<i>Suspected case</i> The definition of 27/1 remains valid for community patients. For hospitalized patients the following definition is added: A person with a severe respiratory illness with fever (SARI with or without a lung infiltrate), which requires hospital treatment / support AND the complaints arose within 14 days after returning from China OR the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV
7/2/2020		<i>Suspected case</i> A new definition for both community or hospitalized patients: A suspected case with fever (at least 38°C) and at least one of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, shortness of breath AND the complaints arose within 14 days after returning from China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) OR the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV
		Patients with flu-like symptoms that are registered and swabbed for virus diagnostics at 40 GP based Sentinel Stations (NIVEL) are now also tested on SARS-CoV-2.
24/2/2020		<i>Suspected case</i> A person with fever* (at least 38°C) and at least one of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, shortness of breath AND the complaints arose within 14 days of returning from a country / region with widespread transmission. ** OR the complaints arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with SARS-CoV-2 *** * Or a feverish feeling in the elderly, as they do not always develop a fever. An immunocompromised patient with a serious infection of any kind meeting the epidemiological criteria is a suspected case and should be tested for SARS-CoV-2. ** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Singapore, Iran and some municipalities

		<p>in Italy: Codogno e dintorni, Sesto Cremonese, Pizzighettone, Soresina, Sesto SG, Pieve Porto Morone (Lombardy Province)) and V'ò Euganeo, Mira (Province of Veneto).</p> <p>*** This applies not only to areas with widespread transmission, but also to areas with local transmission. Local transmission has been identified in the following countries, but it has not (yet) been established whether widespread transmission is involved: Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. All other municipalities in the provinces of Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna are also included. In these areas, in order to exclude COVID-19, in consultation with the LCI diagnostics will be used in patients who have been hospitalized with pneumonia, for which there is no other explanation, and who have been treated in the 14 days prior to the complaints have arisen in these areas with limited local transmission.</p>
		<p>It is recommend to consider diagnostic testing on SARS-CoV-2 in patients with pneumonia without a clear causative agent and / or who do not respond to the empirical therapy.</p>
25/2/2020		<p><i>Suspected case:</i></p> <p>South Korea and a number of municipalities in Northern Italy are added to the countries / regions with widespread transmission.</p> <p>** Countries / regions with widespread transmission are: China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Singapore, South Korea and Iran. In addition, some municipalities in Italy: Codogno, Sesto Cremonese, Pizzighettone, Soresina, Sesto SG, Pieve Porto Morone Casalpusterlengo, Castiglione d'Adda, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano (Lombardy region) and V 'o Euganeo, Mira (Veneto region).</p> <p>***Local transmission has been established in the following countries: Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. However, here is not yet a widespread transmission. In addition, local transmission has been identified in the Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Emilia-Romagna regions of Italy. For these areas with local transmission, patients admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and who have been in the area with local transmission in the 14 days prior to the onset of complaints can be tested in consultation with the LCI to determine COVID- 19.</p>
28/2/2020	NL	<p>In hospitals, the following patients are advised to be tested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patients who do not (yet) have a fever, but otherwise meet the LCI case definition. 2. Patients with a respiratory infection and an indication for admission, but without an epidemiological link to a SARS-CoV-2 region, where no other causative agent has been demonstrated. 3. Patients with a respiratory infection and an indication for admission who do not respond to empirical therapy.
6/3/2020	NL	<p>Stop testing of recovered patients</p> <p>Stop testing of family members of isolated patients that develop respiratory symptoms</p>
12/3/2020	NL	<p>Link to foreign area with SARS-CoV-2 transmission is released. Outside the hospital, only persons with an increased risk of serious course are tested when they develop a serious clinical picture, accompanied by fever AND respiratory symptoms (cough or dyspnoea). These are:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - persons aged 70 and older; - persons with underlying suffering (in accordance with medical indication for the annual influenza vaccination).
13/3/2020	NL	<p>Only patients suspected of COVID-19 who have an increased risk of serious course will be tested if this is important for further treatment. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elderly (> 70 years). - Patients with underlying suffering in accordance with the medical indications for influenza vaccination. - Seriously ill patients with respiratory complaints and admission indication (in principle can be tested in the hospital).
6/4/2020	NL	Healthcare workers outside the hospital who have complaints for at least 24 hours that are appropriate for COVID-19 (cough and / or cold and / or fever) and who provide direct care to a patient / client can be tested.
29/4/2020	NL	youth trainers who come into professional contact with groups of children; *
6/5/2020	NL	A healthcare professional with symptoms of COVID-19 (cough and / or colds and / or fever) who provides immediate care to a patient / client can be tested. The threshold for testing of a minimum of 24 hours of symptoms of COVID-19 has been left
6/5/2020	NL	Employees of primary education, special (primary) education, (medical) nurseries, out-of-school care and childminders who come into professional contact with groups of children can be tested;
	NL	Persons who are professionally involved in the transport of groups of children to and from primary education, (special) primary education and childcare can be tested;
	NL	Children from 0 to 12 years (in consultation with parent / carer) in (special) primary education and children who are cared for at a (medical) nursery or after-school care when there are an unusual number of children with complaints (3 or more children) in a group (Article 26).
11/5/2020	NL	<p>People with close contacts can also be tested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paramedics with direct patient contact and symptoms of COVID-19 - people working in contact professions focused on alternative treatment methods - driving instructors - taxi drivers
1/6/2020	NL	Everybody can apply at the GGD for a corona test if you have complaints that are consistent with the corona virus. This includes symptoms like: colds; nose colds; running nose; sneeze; sore throat; cough; fever; or sudden loss of smell or taste.
6/8/2020	NL	Initially at Schiphol, but later also at other locations, a test street will be set up for travelers from risk areas. Travelers will be tested upon arrival and quarantined at home for 14 days. Even those who do not get tested go home in home quarantine for 14 days.
12/8/2020	NL	From now on, anyone with (mild) complaints that match the corona virus can make a test appointment online and view the results of the corona test. This is an addition to the national corona test appointment phone number
13/9/2020	NL	Due to shortages in test capacity, routine testing of incoming (asymptomatic) travelers at Schiphol has stopped. Travelers are only eligible for testing in the event of complaints

19/9/2020	NL	Due to shortages in test capacity, children up to and including 12 years old with complaints that match COVID-19 are no longer tested. Exceptions to this are critically ill children, children with complaints who are a contact from a confirmed case, or children who are part of an outbreak investigation.
21/9/2020	NL	<p>Due to shortages in test capacity, healthcare and education personnel can have themselves tested with priority.</p> <p>Criteria for healthcare personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If they have complaints that are consistent with corona. - If they are indispensable for (direct) patient care and continuity of that care. This also applies to laboratory personnel. - If they cannot be replaced by a colleague. - If they provide care against payment on the basis of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healthcare law; - Long-term Care Act; - Social Support Act (especially respite care and daytime activities); - intramural parts of the Youth Act; - Forensic Care Act; - Public Health Act; - or fall under the scope of the BIG Act. <p>Self-employed persons, temporary workers and employees who are paid from a PGB are also eligible if they work for a care provider (this is an employer or client in the care sector) or budget holder within the framework of the above laws.</p> <p>Healthcare providers who provide unpaid or informal care are not eligible.</p> <p>Criteria for education personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o primary education; o special (primary) education; o secondary special education; o secondary education - Teachers are prioritized only to prevent a class from having to go home.
27/10/2020	NL	<p>Pending further regulation, the following changes regarding notifications of positive rapid antigen test results have been decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accept positive antigen test results from the well-known test labs and from the GGD test streets, performed with one of the clinically validated antigen rapid tests. - Accept positive antigen test results from other providers if it is a clinically validated test performed by / under the responsibility of a BIG registered physician. - If in doubt about the status of the test, quality of execution and / or about the result, repeat the diagnostics in a regular test street (appointment with priority).
17/11/2020	NL	As there are no longer shortages in test capacity anymore, the test guideline for children up to 12 years of age are reconsidered:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young children, up to and including group 2 of primary school (0 to 6 years): In principle, children with a cold and / or fever / shortness of breath do not need to be tested. Testing is allowed, but is not urgently advised, unless in the context of BCO or if the child is seriously ill. - Children from group 3 to 8 of primary school (7 to 12 year olds): Children with only cold complaints may be tested, but that is not urgently advised. Testing is urgently advised in the context of BCO, or if the child also has a fever and / or shortness of breath or is otherwise seriously ill, or if the child is part of an outbreak investigation and testing is advised by the Municipal Health Service.
1/12/2020	NL	People that emerge from the test and trace investigation or receive a notification from the Coronamelder app that they have an increased risk of infection can also be tested when he or she has no complaints. After a notification, the person needs to be quarantined. After 5 days he or she can be tested and quarantine can be lifted if the test is negative.
		Persons with mild complaints, who are belonging to a medical risk group and not residential of a healthcare institution, can be tested with an antigen rapid test in the test streets of the MHS. If the test result is negative, they do not need to be retested with a PCR. If their complaints worsen and they need health care, they should be retested with PCR if the practitioner deems it is relevant due to medical arguments. Persons with serious complaints and belonging to a medical risk group, and who consult a general practitioner or another practitioner, and patients in healthcare institutions are eligible for a PCR test. If an antigen test is nevertheless used in this group, with a negative antigen test, this must be confirmed by PCR.
6/1/2021	NL	The test advice for children aged up to 12 years is now the same as for children older than 12 years.
20/1/2021	NL	It is possible for travelers from COVID-19 high-risk countries, who are all advised to go into quarantine 10 days after arrival in the Netherlands, to have themselves tested from day 5 after arrival. If this test is negative, the quarantine can be lifted. This applies to all travelers who are subject to urgent quarantine advice, regardless of the mode of transport. These travelers preferably undergo a (LAMP) PCR test, but in some cases an antigen rapid test or breath test (eg Enose) can / will be used for practical reasons.
7/2/2021	NL	Due to code red weather alarm, most testing streets were closed. Testing was also reduced in the days after.
15/2/2021	NL	Antigen rapid tests are validated and ready to be used for testing of asymptomatic close contacts five days after the last exposure date.
25/3/2021	NL	In the GGD test street setting it is recommended to use the combined oropharyngeal / mid-turbinate collection in children up to and including 12 years of age instead of a combined oropharyngeal / nasopharyngeal collection
31/3/2021	NL	Self-tests (rapid antigen test) are available in the Netherlands. First at pharmacies, and later also at some drugstores and supermarkets. Because the reliability of self-tests is lower than with professionally conducted

		tests and because of legal obstacles, the Package Insert and the public communication contains urgent advice to have a positive self-test confirmed with a test at a GGD test location.
1/7/2021	NL	Travelers who travel abroad from the Netherlands in July or August can have themselves tested for free. The free tests are intended for travelers who have not yet been (fully) vaccinated and who need to be tested before their trip abroad this summer.
16/7/2021	NL	Travelers at Schiphol Amstersdam Airport, Eindhoven Airport and Rotterdam The Hague Airport receive a free COVID-19 self-test on arrival, with the call to test before going to school or work, or mixing in crowds.
27/7/2021	NL	Everyone who comes to the Netherlands from abroad is advised to test, even if being fully vaccination or recovered from corona. People that have not yet been fully vaccinated or recovered from corona are urgently advised to take a free corona test at the GGD or a self-test on day 2 and day 5 after arrival.

Reporting

5/3/2020	NL	MHS only report laboratory-confirmed patients in Osiris

Quarantine & isolation

Travel		
6-3-2020	NL	Family members are considered high-risk contacts and must stay home from school or work and practice social distancing for up to 14 days after the last unprotected contact with the index.
9-3-2020	NL	Healthcare employees who are family contact of a confirmed patient can work as long as they have no complaints (exemption of quarantine advice of 6 march 2002).
6-5-2020	NL	Strict quarantine for housemates (explained orally by the GGD) and urgent advice to stay at home for 'other close contacts' (informed in writing by the GGD).

Travel advice

Travel		
23/1/2020		NL first travel warning Hubei
3/2/2020		KLM stops flights to China
24/2/2020		NL first travel warning for North Italy
25/2/2020		NL first travel warning Iran
25/2/2020		NL first travel warning South Korea
27/2/2020		NL first travel warning for whole China
12/3/2020		NL first travel warning for Spain
12/3/2020		US travel restrictions for EU member states
17/3/2020		EU closes all Schengen borders
		<i>Not followed up anymore</i>