

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

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Measures and advices

Date	Scale	Measure
27/1/2020	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 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 each other

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
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	Schools in primary education, including special (primary) education, day care and childminder care open their doors.

		<p>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	<p>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.</p>
	NL	<p>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.</p>
	NL	<p>Libraries open their doors to the public again and take measures so that visitors can keep 1.5 meters away from each other.</p>
	NL	<p>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.</p>
1/6/2020	NL	<p>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.</p>
	NL	<p>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.</p>
	NL	<p>Terraces allowed with seats with a distance of 1.5 meters;</p>
	NL	<p>Cinemas, restaurants and cafes, and cultural institutions (such as concert halls and theaters) are allowed to open, subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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	<p>Museums and monuments with a public function are open</p>

2/6/2020	NL	Secondary education are open. Schools take measures so that 1.5 meters can be kept away. 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 will reopen 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
1/7/2020	NL	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, casinos and will open again.
6/8/2020	NL	Educational institutions 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 catering industry 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 flow through.
27/9/2020	Brabant-Noord; Brabant Zuidoost; Flevoland; Gelderland-Zuid; Gooi en Vechtstreek; Groningen; Zaanstreek- Waterland; Zuid-Holland Zuid	The three measures listed at 16/9/2020, 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.
		<p>Exception to new maximum for indoor space (max 30) - and outdoor activities (max 40):</p> <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 to in the Public Events Act; - 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

		<p>party to a treaty to which the Kingdom is a party;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 party 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 the form of cultural expression; - 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.
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		<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>
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 people
		<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 -

		<p>7:00 AM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 "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). - 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

		<p>November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. o 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"> o 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 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.
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 wears a face mask in public indoor areas and on public transport. - In secondary education (VO), secondary vocational education (MBO) and higher education (HO), everyone

		<p>wears a mask outside of class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 who stay overnight. o Funeral homes. o Airports past the security check. o Company canteens. o Food and beverage facilities in healthcare facilities for patients and visitors of patients. o Food and beverage outlets at locations for organized daytime activities for vulnerable groups. o 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"> o Commodities markets (the regular weekly markets). o Trade fairs and conferences. o Cinemas, theaters, concert halls, museums, etc. o Matches of athletes in top sport institutions, matches in the Eredivisie and Eerste Divisie of football and people up to the age of 18 who practice sports at their own club. o Demonstrations, gatherings and meetings as referred to in the Public Event Act. - 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"> o Professional singers. o Children up to 12 years old. o Singing as part of a profession of faith or belief. o Sing as part of a demonstration. - A maximum of 100 people may be present at funerals.
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		<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"> o Top athletes with status in designated locations (such as Papendal). o 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 for each country on Nederlandwereldwereld.nl. - 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.

Case definition

Date	Scale	Definition
28/1/2020	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</p>

		<p>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 28/3 remains valid for community patients.</p> <p>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 (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</p>

		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.
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, Piemonte, Aosta Valley, Trentino-South Tyrol, Friuli-Julian Venice and Liguria.</p>
3/3/2020	NL	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; OR

		<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 complaints that match those of a COVID-19-infection

Testing criteria

Date	Scale	Criteria for testing
27/2/2020	NL	<p>Patients with fever and at least two of the following respiratory symptoms: cough, cold, sore throat and/or signs of lung infiltrate</p> <p>AND</p> <p>That arose within 14 days after returning from Wuhan</p> <p>OR</p> <p>That arose within 14 days after contact with a patient with a confirmed infection with 2019 nCoV</p>
28/2/2020	NL	<p>1. Patients who do not (yet) have a fever, but otherwise meet the LCI case definition.</p> <p>2. Patients with a respiratory infection and a recording indication, but without an epidemiological link to a SARS-CoV-2 region, where no other causative agent has been demonstrated.</p> <p>3. Patients with a respiratory infection and a recording indication who do not respond to empirical therapy.</p>
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>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	Due to shortages in test capacity, healthcare and education personnel can

		<p>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.
1/12/2020	NL	<p>People can also be tested if he or she has no complaints, but has a risk of infection. So if the CoronaMelder app reports about a risk of infection, or if someone emerges from the test and trace investigation. From that moment on, the person will be quarantined. After 5 days he or she can be tested and quarantine can be lifted if the test is negative.</p>

Reporting

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

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>