

Reporting of Sentinel Data Influenza and COVID-19
COUNTRY PROFILE **Netherlands**

Last Updated	03/06/2020		
	Responses	Date Effective	Comments
1a. National recommendation for patients with ARI/ILI not to visit general practitioners	Stay_home	06/03/2020	
1b. This recommendation has affected influenza surveillance	Yes_Deceased		Decreased number of visits to GP practice and therefore fewer swabs taken from ILI/ARI patients. However, fear for COVID-19 and patient expectations for testing might have caused an increase in GP visits.
3. Alternative sentinel systems have been initiated for respiratory diseases	No		
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4. The algorithm for swabbing ARI/ILI for influenza has remained constant	Yes		
6. Sentinel specimens are tested for:	Flu_AND_COVID		Influenza, RSV, rhinovirus, enterovirus, SARS-CoV-2
7a. Data on phone calls to sentinel GPs are included in syndromic sentinel surveillance	Yes		Telephone, video and e-mail consultations have always been included.
7b. These data are included in ARI/ILI reporting to TESSy	Yes		
B1. SARI surveillance samples are tested:	N/A		We have no formal (sentinel) SARI surveillance. There is a national recommendation is to test all SARI patients for COVID-19, but actual testing practice depends on local hospital policy

B2. Hospital testing of influenza has changed:	Unknown		No data available, probably increased
B3. Implemented additional hospital surveillance for COVID-19:	Yes		Registration of admissions for confirmed COVID-19 in general hospital wards and intensive care units in all hospitals
B4: Increased the number of hospitals included in SARI surveillance:	No		We have no formal (sentinel) SARI surveillance; but see above.

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