



Protocol and Host Country Affairs Department

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations accredited to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and has the honour to inform them as follows.

### **New measures**

Based on the latest advice from the Outbreak Management Team (OMT), the Dutch government is introducing additional measures to combat the Covid-19 disease, as presented on this website:

<https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2020/08/18/let-s-keep-coronavirus-out>

In addition, the Ministry has the honour to provide the following information, based on questions it has received about these specific topics:

### **Self-quarantine on arrival in the Netherlands**

Travellers coming from COVID risk areas (countries or regions) can get tested on arrival, free of charge. A test centre has been set up at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. It will scale up in the coming weeks, to allow more travellers arriving from risk areas to be tested. The list of COVID risk areas is adapted once circumstances change and is available at

[www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/travel-and-holidays/self-quarantine](http://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/travel-and-holidays/self-quarantine)

The test centre is explicitly meant for arrivals and not for people leaving the Netherlands.

Travellers arriving from COVID risk areas (Dutch citizens as well as foreigners, including persons who are residing in the Netherlands) are also strongly advised to self-quarantine for 10 days, even if they do not have any symptoms or if they have tested negative for Covid-19. They can self-quarantine at home or in temporary or holiday accommodation. The advice to self-quarantine also applies to persons who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. The OMT has advised that the quarantine period can be reduced from 14 days to 10 days.

The list of countries to which the quarantine advice applies can be found at the abovementioned website. In addition, it is also specifically stated in the individual travel advice for each country whether self-quarantine is required (in Dutch only): <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reizen/reisadviezen>: >

choose country > Coronavirus.

### **Testing policy**

To help prevent further infections, everyone with symptoms should stay at home or in their accommodation and get tested:

[www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-test](http://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-test)

Appointments for testing can be made by calling 0800 1202 (or +31 850 659 063 from a non-Dutch phone) or online via [www.government.nl/coronavirus-test](http://www.government.nl/coronavirus-test).

### **General information**

In conclusion, the Ministry would like to draw attention to the websites below:

- **Nationwide measures** that are in place to regain control over coronavirus: [www.government.nl/latest/news/2020/08/06/regaining-control-over-coronavirus-with-local-measures](http://www.government.nl/latest/news/2020/08/06/regaining-control-over-coronavirus-with-local-measures).
- Additional **local measures** may apply in certain cities and regions, for instance in Amsterdam:  
[www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tourism-in-the-netherlands](http://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tourism-in-the-netherlands)
- **Various topics** on the Dutch approach:  
[www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19)
- **Updated basic rules** to regain control of the virus:  
[www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/basic-rules-for-everyone](http://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/basic-rules-for-everyone)
- **Travelling to the Netherlands:** [www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands/qas-travel-restrictions-for-the-netherlands](http://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands/qas-travel-restrictions-for-the-netherlands)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations accredited to the Netherlands the assurances of its highest consideration.

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