PART I: COVID-19 FLIGHT AND TRAVELLER RESTRICTIONS

FOR FLIGHTS FROM OUTSIDE EU/SCHENGEN AREA, THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IN REGARDS TO DEPARTING FLIGHTS FROM ORIGIN COUNTRY, HEADING TO THE NETHERLANDS.

EU-ENTRY BAN (1/4):

ALL NON-SCHENGEN RESIDENTS AND NON-EU RESIDENTS ARE PROHIBITED TO ENTER THE NETHERLANDS BY ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND SECURITY.

EXEMPTIONS ON ENTRY BAN:

I. RESIDENTS FROM A SAFE COUNTRY WITH A LOW COVID-19 RISK (PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR AN CURRENT LIST: HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENT.NL/TOPICS/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19/VISITING-THE-NETHERLANDS-FROM-ABROAD/EU-LIST-OF-SAFE-COUNTRIES,
II. MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PATIENTS (ONLY NECESSARY),
III. CROSS-BORDER COMMUTERS,
IV. INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE GOODS TRANSPORT SECTOR, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT PERSONNEL, INCLUDING CREW MEMBERS ON CONTAINER SHIPS, BULK CARRIERS (E.G. ORE AND COAL), TANKERS (FUEL AND CHEMICALS) AND FISHING VESSELS. IT ALSO INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS PLATFORMS AND OFFSHORE WIND FARMS, OFFSHORE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THIS SECTOR,
V. DIPLOMATS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WORK,
VI. STAFF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND PEOPLE INVITED BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WHOSE PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE WELL-FUNCTIONING OF THESE ORGANISATIONS,
VII. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVIL PROTECTION PERSONNEL IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS,
VIII. HUMANITARIAN AID WORKERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WORK,
IX. EU OR SCHENGEN RESIDENTS. ADDITIONALLY NON-DUTCH RESIDENTS HAVE TO PROVE THAT THE NETHERLANDS IS NOT THEIR END DESTINATION,
X. PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FOR IMPERATIVE FAMILY REASONS (FIRST- OR SECOND DEGREE) SUCH AS ATTENDING A FUNERAL OR VISITING A TERMINALLY ILL FAMILY MEMBER,
XI. SEAFARERS WHO POSSESS A SEAMEN RECORD BOOK IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WORK OR WHOSE PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR WORK. THE EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SEAFARERS ON COMMERCIAL YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFTS,
XII. PERSONS IN NEED OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OR FOR OTHER HUMANITARIAN REASONS,
XIII. PERSONS ON BOARD OF A STATE FLIGHT,
XIV. ELITE ATHLETES AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF,
XV. PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS,
XVI. RESEARCHERS,
XVII. STUDENTS WHO WISH TO COME TO THE NETHERLANDS TO STUDY FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN THREE MONTHS,
XVIII. HIGHLY SKILLED MIGRANTS WHO WISH TO COME TO THE NETHERLANDS FOR WORK FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN THREE MONTHS,
XIX. PERSONS IN THE INTEREST OF THE DUTCH ECONOMY AND SOCIETY,
XX. PROFESSIONALS IN CULTURAL AND CREATIVE SECTORS,
XXI. PARTNERS IN A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP,
XXII. AIRCREW (CREW MEMBERS OR PERSONNEL OPERATING PASSENGER OR CARGO FLIGHTS OR TRAVELLING AS PASSENGERS TO OR FROM THEIR DEPARTURE BASE).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO:

FLIGHT BAN (2/4):

- NOTICE: AS OF JUNE 1ST 00:01 HOURS DUTCH LOCAL TIME, ALL FLIGHT BANS WILL BE LIFTED. PLEASE REFER TO CHAPTER 3 AND 4 FOR TESTING AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS.

TESTING (3/4):

BEFORE BOARDING, AIRLINES SHALL VERIFY IF PASSENGERS MEET THESE CONDITIONS. IF PASSENGERS FAIL TO MEET THESE CONDITIONS, THEY SHALL BE REFUSED ON THE FLIGHT AND BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT.

TRAVELLING FROM A VERY HIGH RISK AREA WITH A COVID VARIANT OF CONCERN1 TO THE NETHERLANDS:

- NOTICE 1: PERSONS TRAVELLING FROM A VERY HIGH RISK AREA WITH A COVID VARIANT OF CONCERN TO THE NETHERLANDS, ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW A VALID NEGATIVE NAAT-TEST (EITHER MPOCT, NAAT, PCR, RT PCR, LAMP OR TMA), NO OLDER THAN 72 HOURS BEFORE EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE REFER TO: HTTPS://WWW.GOVERNMENT.NL/TOPICS/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19/VISITING-THE-NETHERLANDS-FROM-ABROAD/MANDATORY-NEGATIVE-TEST-RESULTS-AND-DECLARATION


TRAVELLING FROM A HIGH-RISK AREA\textsuperscript{2} TO THE NETHERLANDS (NOT TO BE MISSTAKEN WITH A VERY HIGH RISK AREA WITH A COVID VARIANT OF CONCERN):

ALL TRAVELLERS ON FLIGHTS TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM A HIGH-RISK AREA, ARE BY ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. A VALID NEGATIVE NAAT-TEST (EITHER MPOCT, NAAT, PCR, RT PCR, LAMP OR TMA), NO OLDER THAN 72 HOURS BEFORE EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS,

2. A HEALTH DECLARATION FOR ALL PASSENGERS AGED 13 YEARS OR OLDER TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE NETHERLANDS.

TESTING EXEMPTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF TRAVELLERS ARE EXEMPTED FROM BEING IN POSSESSION OF:


2) A NEGATIVE ANTIGEN RAPID TEST, NO OLDER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT HEADING TO THE NETHERLANDS.

I. PASSENGERS UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YEARS,

II. PERSONS WHO ARE TRAVELLING ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OR STATE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE AND SECURITY. THIS APPLIES IN PARTICULAR TO FLIGHTS WHERE KMAR PERSONNEL ARE ACCOMPANY A PERSON TO OR FROM THE NETHERLANDS.

III. TRAVELERS WITH A STATEMENT FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT IN THE CONTEXT OF URGENT MEDICAL TRANSPORT.

IV. TRAVELLERS WHO HAVE BEEN TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 PREVIOUSLY, WHO NO LONGER HAVE COVID-19-ASSOCIATED SYMPTOMS, ARE NO LONGER CONTAGIOUS, WHO CONTINUE TO TEST POSITIVE FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME AND THEREFORE CANNOT SHOW A NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT. THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO THESE TRAVELLERS:

A. TRAVELLERS WHO HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID-19 AND ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO SUBMIT A NEGATIVE NAAT TEST RESULT MAY STILL TRAVEL IF THEY CAN SHOW THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

i. POSITIVE NAAT-TEST RESULT FROM A MINIMUM OF 2 TO A MAXIMUM OF 8 WEEKS OLD;

ii. POSITIVE NAAT-TEST RESULT OF MAXIMUM 72 HOURS OLD UPON ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS;

iii. NEGATIVE RAPID TEST RESULT OF MAXIMUM 24 HOURS OLD BEFORE BOARDING.

B. IN CASE OF A PERMANENTLY POSITIVE RAPID TEST RESULT, TRAVELLING TO THE NETHERLANDS IS ALLOWED IF THEY CAN SHOW THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT:

i. POSITIVE NAAT-TEST RESULT FROM A MINIMUM OF 2 AND A MAXIMUM OF 8 WEEKS OLD;

ii. POSITIVE NAAT-TEST RESULT TEST RESULT OF MAXIMUM 72 HOURS OLD UPON ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS;

\textsuperscript{2} PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR A LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT ARE DEEMED COVID-19 LOW RISK (TESTING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST):

iii. SIGNED DOCTOR’S STATEMENT OF A MAXIMUM OF 72 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING, THAT SHOWS THAT THIS TRAVELER IS NO LONGER COVID-19 CONTAGIOUS.

V. CROSS-BORDER COMMUTERS (INCLUDING STUDENTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN),
VI. (INCOMING) STAFF OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE NETHERLANDS - INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF THEIR OFFICIAL HOUSEHOLD - AND AS SUCH (TO BE) REGISTERED WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
VII. HOLDERS OF NON-DUTCH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS,
VIII. HOLDERS OF DUTCH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WORK OR WHOSE PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR WORK,
IX. HEADS OF STATE AND MEMBERS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS,
X. PASSENGERS ON A DIRECT FLIGHT FROM A NON-RISK COUNTRY (WHO HAVE RESIDED THERE 10 DAYS PREVIOUS TO THE TRIP) TO THE NETHERLANDS,
XI. PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS FROM A NON-RISK COUNTRY (WHO HAVE RESIDED THERE 10 DAYS PREVIOUS TO THE TRIP) WHICH DO HAVE A DUTCH AIRPORT AS THEIR DESTINATION, WHO ARE TRANSFERRING IN A HIGH-RISK COUNTRY AND WHO DO NOT LEAVE THE AIRPORT DURING TRANSFER ARE EXEMPTED.
XII. PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS WHICH DO NOT HAVE A DUTCH AIRPORT AS THEIR DESTINATION, BUT ARE DIVERTED TO A DUTCH AIRPORT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES,
XIII. PASSENGERS WITH A NATO TRAVEL ORDER OR A NATO-2 VISUM,
XIV. AIRCREW (CREW MEMBERS OR PERSONNEL OPERATING PASSENGER OR CARGO FLIGHTS OR TRAVELLING AS PASSENGERS TO OR FROM THEIR DEPARTURE BASE), WHO DO NOT LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT POSITION (EXCEPT FOR SAFETY INSPECTIONS) DURING TURNAROUND AND CONTINUE FLYING (BACK) IMMEDIATELY IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS,
XV. INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK ON OIL AND GAS PLATFORMS, OFFSHORE WIND FARMS AND OFFSHORE COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE ENERGY SECTOR. THIS ONLY INCLUDES PASSENGERS WHO ARE FLYING DIRECTLY TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM AN (OFFSHORE) PLATFORM/WIND FARM,
XVI. TRANSFERRING PASSENGERS WHO HAVE STAYED IN A COUNTRY OR AREA FOR A MAXIMUM OF 12 HOURS AND FOR WHICH THE MANDATORY QUARANTINE APPLIES (PLEASE SEE CHAPTER QUARANTINE 3/4).

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF TRAVELLERS ARE ONLY EXEMPTED FROM BEING IN POSSESSION OF

1) A VALID NEGATIVE NAAT-TEST (EITHER MPOCT, NAAT, PCR, RT PCR, LAMP OR TMA), NO OLDER THAN 72 HOURS BEFORE EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS,

AND THEREFORE ARE REQUIRED [ONLY WHEN TRAVELLING FROM A VERY HIGH-RISK AREA WITH A COVID VARIANT OF CONCERN] TO SHOW A NEGATIVE ANTIGEN RAPID TEST, NO OLDER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT HEADING TO THE NETHERLANDS.

NOTICE (ONLY FOR AIRCREW AND FERRY CREW MEMBERS): A NEGATIVE NAAT-TEST THAT IS TAKEN 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS, WILL ALSO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE RAPID ANTIGEN TEST (TAKEN 24 HOURS BEFORE BOARDING THE AIRCRAFT). A NEGATIVE NAAT-TEST IS VALID FOR A MAXIMUM OF 72 HOURS AND CAN BE USED ON MULTIPLE FLIGHTS, AS LONG AS THE 72 HOURS HAVE NOT BEEN EXCEEDED.

I. AIRCREW (CREW MEMBERS OR PERSONNEL OPERATING PASSENGER OR CARGO FLIGHTS OR TRAVELLING AS PASSENGERS TO OR FROM THEIR DEPARTURE BASE) IF THEY DO INDEED LEAVE THE AIRCRAFT (EXCEPT FOR SAFETY INSPECTIONS NEAR THE AIRCRAFT),
II. SEAFARERS (INCLUDING CRUISE SHIP AND FERRY CREW MEMBERS), THAT POSSESS A SEAMEN RECORD BOOK IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WORK OR WHOSE PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS REQUIRED FOR WORK. THE EXEMPTION DOES NOT APPLY TO SEAFARERS ON COMMERCIAL YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT.
III. INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE GOODS TRANSPORT SECTOR, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT PERSONNEL, INCLUDING LORRY DRIVERS AND CREW MEMBERS ON CONTAINER SHIPS, BULK CARRIERS (E.G. ORE AND COAL), TANKERS (FUEL AND CHEMICALS), FISHING VESSELS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK IN THE ENERGY SECTOR IF THEY ARE TRAVELLING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES OR IF THEY TRAVEL TO OR FROM THEIR WORK.

NOTICE: IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR AIRCREW TO MEET THE RAPID TESTING REQUIREMENT, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION AND AN ALTERNATIVE TESTING REGIME. FOR MORE DETAILS ON REQUIREMENTS THAT THE ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL MUST MEET, PLEASE REFER TO PART II OF THIS DOCUMENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS, PLEASE REFER TO:


QUARANTINE (4/4):


NOTICE 2: VERY URGENT ADVICE OF 10 DAYS SELF-QUARANTAINE APPLIES FOR ALL PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM A HIGH-RISK AREA³ (NOT TO BE MISTAKEN WITH A VERY HIGH RISK AREA). THE QUARANTINE PERIOD CAN BE ENDED IF A TEST, TAKEN BY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES (GGD), 5 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS, SHOWS NEGATIVE.

FOR INFORMATION ON EXEMPTIONS REGARDING THE QUARANTINE MEASURE, PLEASE REFER TO:


DURATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:

THE TEMPORARY TRAVEL RESTRICTION IS APPLICABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, REGARDLESS OF THE INDICATED ENDING TIME OF THE NOTAM. ANY POSSIBLE CHANGE OF THIS PERIOD SHALL BE ASSESSED DEPENDING ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

³ PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE FOR A LIST OF COUNTRIES THAT ARE DEEMED COVID-19 LOW RISK (TESTING REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST):
PART II: COVID-19 FLIGHT AND TRAVELLER RESTRICTIONS (ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL FOR AIRCREW)

ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL FOR AIRCREW (1/1):

NOTICE: IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR AIRCREW (CREW MEMBERS OR PERSONNEL OPERATING PASSENGER OR CARGO FLIGHTS OR TRAVELLING AS PASSENGERS TO OR FROM THEIR DEPARTURE BASE) TO MEET THE APPLICABLE TESTING REQUIREMENTS AS SET IN PART I AND II OF THIS DOCUMENT, AIRLINES ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE DUTCH MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND WATER AFFAIRS FOR DISPENSATION (EMAIL: PROJECTCOVID-19LV@MINIENW.NL).

THE REQUEST SHALL INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL, BASED ON BELOW-MENTIONED REQUIREMENTS, WITH A DESCRIPTION ON HOW THE ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL AND THE MEASURES CONTAINED THEREIN ARE MONITORED AND EVALUATED BY THE AIRLINE AND AIRCREW. DISPENSATION WILL BE GRANTED, ONLY IF THE ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND SPORT. ANY DEVIATION OF THE TESTING REQUIREMENTS BY AIR CREW AND AIRLINES, AS SET IN PART I AND II OF THIS DOCUMENT, IS NOT ALLOWED UNLESS THE WRITTEN REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION AND THE SUBMITTED ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL HAS BEEN GRANTED WRITTEN APPROVAL.

REQUIREMENTS THE ALTERNATIVE TESTING PROTOCOL MUST MEET (IF BOTH THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL IS IN THE NETHERLANDS):

1. PRIOR TO THE FLIGHT DEPARTING FROM THE NETHERLANDS, A NAAT-TEST (EITHER MPOCT, NAAT, PCR, RT PCR, LAMP OR TMA) SHALL BE TAKEN (OF MAXIMUM 72 HOURS OLD WHEN ARRIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS).
2. AFTER ARRIVING AT THE DESTINATION, A CREW BUBBLE (MINIMIZING CONTACTS WITH LOCAL POPULATION AND QUARANTINE IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE) SHALL BE FORMED. AIRLINES SHALL PROVIDE DETAILS IN THE PROTOCOL PERTAINING TO ESTABLISHING AND SAFEGUARDING THIS CREW BUBBLE.
3. IF MORE THAN 72 HOURS HAVE PASSED, ANOTHER NAAT-TEST IS REQUIRED BEFORE ARRIVAL TO THE NETHERLANDS.
4. IF A CREW MEMBER DEVELOPS COVID-19-ASSOCIATED COMPLAINTS, THE CREW SHOULD BE TESTED WITH AN ANTIGEN TEST. IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE, THE CREW MEMBER SHALL STAY IN SELF-ISOLATION. IF NO NAAT-TEST IS AVAILABLE AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE BACK TO THE NETHERLANDS, THAT CREW MEMBER WILL FLY BACK WITH A MOUTH MASK, BE ISOLATED IN FLIGHT AND MAXIMALLY COMPLY WITH ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION, SUCH AS: PERSONAL HYGIENE, DISTANCE HOLDING.
5. UPON ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS, THIS PERSON MUST SELF-QUARANTINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BE TESTED. IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE, THE CREW MEMBER SHALL STAY IN SELF-ISOLATION.

DURATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:

VERY URGENT ADVICE OF 10 DAYS SELF-QUARANTINE APPLIES FOR ALL PASSENGERS TRAVELLING TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM HIGH-RISK COUNTRIES. THE QUARANTINE PERIOD CAN BE ENDED IF A TEST, TAKEN 5 DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL IN THE NETHERLANDS, SHOWS NEGATIVE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EXEMPTIONS REGARDING THE QUARANTINE MEASURE, PLEASE REFER TO: