



**Policy HSV:**

*The developments based on the press conference of January 14th 2022 are:*

**Quarantine**

- *Anyone who has a booster shot of at least 1 week old or who had corona less than 8 weeks ago no longer needs to be quarantined after close contact with an infected person. As long as someone has no complaints. (this does not only apply to adults, but also to children who had corona less than 8 weeks ago)*
- *At the latest from January 21, 2022, different quarantine rules will apply if you have a crucial job. More detailed information will follow from 21 January at the latest.*

**When should I wear a face mask?**

*Face masks are mandatory for everyone from the age of 13 in all public locations, such as the supermarket, in public transport and also in education. In addition, the advice is that you also wear a mouth cap outside when it is difficult to keep 1.5 meters away.*

*Read information about face masks in English on [Government.nl](https://www.government.nl)*

**Locations where a face mask is required by law**

*It is legally required to wear a face mask in the following places:*

- *in public transport, train, tram, bus and ferry;*
- *in places around public transport, such as stops, platforms and stations;*
- *at airports and in airplanes;*
- *in professional passenger transport such as coaches and taxis;*
- *in public indoor spaces, such as supermarkets, shops and libraries;*
- *at sports locations for everyone from the age of 13, for both staff and guests during travel and when you are sitting. The mask is allowed to take off during sports;*
- *when visiting contact professions, such as the hairdresser, masseur or pedicure, for service provider and customer.*
- *in primary education for adults when traveling;*

• *in secondary education: for everyone while traveling through the school;*

• *at MBO schools, colleges and universities: for everyone while traveling through the school and when you are sitting or standing somewhere;*

*Locations where wearing a face mask is advice*

*You will be advised to wear a face mask in the following places:*

• *In crowded places outside where it is difficult to keep your distance, such as in shopping streets or markets.*

• *For students in groups 6, 7 and 8 in primary education outside the classroom. For example in the hallway.*

• *For people who cannot work at home: on the work floor, when moving or where you cannot keep 1.5 meters away.*

*Suitable face masks and materials*

• *The use of homemade and cloth face masks is not recommended. The advice is to wear medical mouth-nose masks (disposable face masks). Make sure that the mask always covers the nose, mouth and chin.*

The developments based on government decisions in december 2021 are:

- **School buildings do not have to be closed. Students in the age of ID5 and ID6 wear facemasks in the hallways. In the classroom these students do not have to wear a facemask.**
- **All adults keep 1,5 meters distance from each other as much as possible. Adults wear facemasks in the hallways. They do not have to wear facemasks in the classroom.**
- **Celebrations such as Christmas take place without external people, except for Father Christmas.**
- **Both staff and students stay at home in case of complaints such as shortness of breath, cough and fever, until a negative test result has been received. Children with a mild cold are not allowed to go to school, until they are symptom free for 24 hours: they can go to school earlier if they have a negative self-test. With a positive self-test, testing at the GGD is still necessary. In all cases, we ask parents to be careful with a possible risk of contamination and to let the student get better first in case of a strong or increasing cold, especially if there is a cough involved.**
- **If a housemate, family member or other close contact is infected with the coronavirus, all housemates will be quarantined. Students and staff in quarantine due to contact with a person who tested positive, are tested at the GGD after five days. A self-test is not suitable for this. If they get a negative GGD test, they can return to school.**

- **Staff without complaints uses a preventive self-test when they want to know their state of health. Staff with complaints who are unable to come to work use the GGD test.**
- **Staff with mild complaints can do a self-test. In case of persistent complaints, it is important to do a self-test again the next day. If complaints worsen or if you suffer from loss of smell or taste, it is necessary to have a test at the GGD or to do a rapid test. Staff with (mild) complaints who can come to work (and who are also scheduled to come to work) can get a voucher from the head of school for a rapid test.**
- **Staff and students of ID5 and ID6 are advised to take self tests at home twice a week.**
- **Staff works in the HSV buildings during school hours and when they otherwise have to be present in the interest of the students.**
- **In principle, team days and study days take place online. Meetings only take place when the distance of 1.5 m can be used.**
- **Parents and/or guardians come into the school to a limited extent and only with the approval of the head of school. All external people wear a mask.**
- **When quarantined: school work to do at home, remote learning only if this is possible.**
- **Per location the head of school can decide to have walking routes, different break times and different daily start/end times.**
- **Parents are urgently requested to maintain 1,5m distance when they bring and pick up students outside of the building: only 1 parent per family should bring and pick-up their student(s) .**

No hands are shaken. Students and adults wash their hands regularly. It's sensible to ventilate the buildings as much as possible.

Hygiene regulations of the RIVM are complied with as much as possible.

Think about:

- Wash hands with soap and water, several times a day for at least 20 seconds: at the beginning of school hours, before breaks, after breaks, after going to the toilet;
- Use of paper towels;
- Coughing/sneezing in the elbow;
- Do not touch your face;
- Clean surfaces with water and soap/disinfectant.

### **Quarantine**

Everyone stays at home in the following situations:

- In case of complaints that fit with corona;
- If you have tested positive for corona;
- If you had a positive result of a self-test and are waiting for the result of the confirmation test at the GGD;
- If someone in your household has tested positive for corona;
- If you have had close contact with an infected person (at least 15 minutes within 1.5 meters) and you as an adult are not yet immune. Anyone who has a booster shot of at least 1 week old or who

had corona less than 8 weeks ago no longer needs to be quarantined after close contact with an infected person. As long as someone has no complaints (this does not only apply to adults, but also to children who had corona less than 8 weeks ago);

- If you come back from a very high-risk area unless exemptions are applicable  
<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/self-quarantine/exceptions-mandatory-quarantine>;
- If you have received a report via the CoronaMelder app.

#### **Testing of children under the age of 12 is needed if:**

- the complaints do not (only) consist of cold complaints (eg if there is also a cough, fever and/or shortness of breath), or the child is otherwise seriously ill,
- there is an indication in the context of a source and contact investigation and the GGD has given advice that testing should be done,
- the child is part of an outbreak investigation.

Children who are tested will stay at home until the results are known.

Students who have a cold are not allowed to come to school. They have to stay at home until they have no complaints. These students can go to school earlier if they have a negative self-test. With a positive self-test, testing at the GGD is still necessary. In all cases, we ask parents to be careful with a possible risk of contamination and to let the student get better first in case of a strong or increasing cold, especially if there is a cough involved.

#### **If not tested:**

- A student with complaints related to the coronavirus (cough and / or fever and / or reduced smell and taste) must stay at home until he / she is free of symptoms for 24 hours. Parents report their child's illness to the school and / or childcare organisation, which registers this.
- A staff member with complaints of the coronavirus (cough and / or fever and / or reduced smell and taste) must stay at home until he / she is free of symptoms for 24 hours.

#### **If tested positive:**

- A student or staff member with complaints must stay at home from the moment the complaints arise until the test result is known.
- A student or staff member who has been tested positive for corona must stay at home until at least 7 days after the start of the complaints and may only return to school when he / she no longer has any complaints for 24 hours.

#### **If tested negative:**

- A student or staff member with complaints must stay at home from the moment the complaints arise until the test result is known.
- A staff member who has been tested negative for corona can return to school. Students who have a cold wait until they have no complaints for 24 hours.

### **What should a school do in the event of a (suspicion of) an infection?**

It is common for schools to report outbreaks of infectious diseases to the GGD department for infectious disease control. The director or head of school reports an unusual number of cases of a disease of a suspected infectious nature to the GGD. This also applies to (possible) coronavirus infections. An unusual number for primary education has been set at 3 or more.

### **What happens if an infection has been detected at school?**

The GGD conducts source and contact research for all patients with a confirmed coronavirus infection. The GGD then asks the patient with whom he/she has had direct contact during the contagious period and, if necessary, takes measures to prevent further spread. Exactly what measures should be taken at the school and whether more people should be tested depends on the circumstances and is determined by the GGD. The GGD will contact the school about this.

A student who has tested positive for corona must stay at home and have a rest for at least 7 days after the symptoms develop and may only go back to school when he/she no longer has any symptoms for 24 hours.

Students and staff who are awaiting their (own) corona test result stay at home until they have a negative corona test result.

### **Does the Participation Council (MR) have a role when emergency plans are made?**

Legally speaking, in most cases the MR has the right of approval for emergency measures, because these measures have a major impact on the way in which education is organised. When it comes to common measures for all schools under one school board, a decision is not up to the MR but to the joint participation council (GMR):

Where measures that affect the health of the teaching staff is concerned, these are made in consultation with the staff section of the (G)MR

### **RIVM guidelines:**

The school applies the RIVM advice and guidelines for the schools:

A staff member with the following (airway) complaints stays at home:

- Cough.
- Difficulty breathing / tightness.
- Temporarily smell and taste less.
- A staff member with a fever above 38 ° C stays at home.

- If someone in the staff member's household has a fever above 38 ° C and / or shortness of breath, the staff member will also stay at home.
- If everyone in the household has no complaints for 24 hours, the staff member can go back to school.
- If a staff member has tested positive for corona, he/she must stay at home for at least 7 days. The staff member may only return to school if he/she has no complaints for 24 hours.
- If someone in the staff member's household has been tested for COVID-19 and has a positive result, the staff member has to be quarantined. A staff member who has had close contact with a confirmed corona patient can get a test on the 5th day after this last contact. In case of a negative result, the tested person will then end his/her quarantine. Alertness to the emergence of any complaints remains advised until 14 days after the last close contact.
- Staff members with complaints contact the ARBO doctor.

**The following specific measures are in effect:**

- Staff members with corona-related complaints are tested in accordance with the national test policy and established principles. The test policy is made by the GGD. If the continuity of education is at risk, priority can be given to testing. The head of school must sign a priority form and a special telephone number must be called.
- You stay at home until the result is known (consult the employer about which activities you can do from home).
- Staff members who are part of a risk group can be exempted from work at school (choice of employee in consultation with the ARBO doctor or GP and employer).
- Staff members with family members who are part of a risk group can be exempted from work at school (choice of employee in consultation with the employer and treating physician).
- A staff member who does not belong to the risk group, but who is seriously concerned, will discuss this with his employer. In that meeting, an assessment is made as to whether agreements can be made about the precise details of the activities. If an individual staff member still needs personal protective equipment, this can be discussed. It is not necessary for safety reasons.
- Medical information of the staff member is not shared with colleagues or parents without consent.
- The ARBO doctor can be involved in this.

**What if there is a suspicion that an employee has the coronavirus but has not been diagnosed?**

If there is a suspicion that an employee is infected with the coronavirus, the employer may request the employee to stay at home or to go home. This may be because the employee has certain illness symptoms (fever, cough). Under normal circumstances it is not customary to ask an employee to stay at home, but under current circumstances it is possible to protect others.



## Ventilation

In September 2020, research was conducted into the quality of the ventilation of the HSV school buildings, relating to COVID-19 (Corona) and the associated requirements and standards. The results of this investigation do not lead to immediate measures. However, opening windows in the winter season will be more difficult. We will continue to do so where possible and will advise staff and children to wear warm clothing. The HSV will also closely monitor which additional possibilities the extra OCW investment of € 360 million will offer for installing mechanical ventilation in buildings that do not yet have this.

In the first instance, 2 levels (standards) were examined, namely:

- The 2012 Building Decree for existing buildings.
- Class C “fresh schools”.

Both standards are based on a quantity of fresh air per person per second, namely 3.44 and 6 liters respectively.

The school buildings with classrooms and gym with a WTW (WarmteTerugWin / heat recovery) installation:

- **Willemsparkschool (Frederikstraat)**
- **Van Heutszstraat**

These buildings with mechanical ventilation function well.

The school buildings with natural ventilation:

- **IVIO (Laan van Poot)**

This building meets the ventilation requirements excellently, windows in all rooms can be opened on 3 sides, both low and high.

- **VNS (Van Nijenrodestraat)**

The classrooms meet the building regulations (more than 30 pupils), are suitable for up to 20 pupils according to the “fresh schools” standard. By using “open doors” and “open windows in the hallway” during breaks, additional ventilation can be provided.

The room next to the auditorium deserves the most attention. The situation can continue to function properly in the short term by means of open doors and open windows in the hallway.

- **KSS Koningin Sophiestraat**

The classrooms meet the building regulations (more than 30 pupils), but are suitable for up to 21 pupils according to the “fresh schools” standard. By using “open doors” and “open windows in the hallway” (possibly only) during breaks, additional ventilation can be provided.

ID6 is now using the former Dutch room, because there are better ventilation options for their intensive use.

The gym does comply with building regulations (> 30 students), but for only 17 students at “fresh schools” level. Extra ventilation by opening the emergency doors helps.

- **NSL Nassaulaan**

Although this building is the oldest building of the HSV, there are enough windows that can be opened to meet the requirements at both quality levels. To be on the safe side, additional measurements have been taken here with a CO2 survey: these measurements do not lead to a different conclusion.

In the gym, ventilation is necessary by opening the emergency door. We are investigating whether we can install more tilting windows in the wall at the street side. When staff needs this, measurements will be done to check the air-quality in the rooms where students are educated.