



HSV Protocol/procedure for symptoms COVID 19 (September 2021)

Policy HSV:

The latest developments look like this:

- There is no need to keep 1,5 m distance between adults
- Classes do not have to be sent home if one of the students has tested positive and the other students are not yet showing symptoms. The student who has tested positive will of course stay at home. The GGD can advise that several (or all) students from 1 group be sent home. The GGD can also advise to send home children who have been in close contact in private (for example, if they have played at the home of the student who tested positive).
- Schools are not obligated to offer remote learning to a student who is short-term sick at home, the same goes for individual students who have a Covid-19-related illness or quarantine and are temporarily unable to follow physical education.
- In restaurants, theaters and cinemas you must show a corona certificate indicating that you have been fully vaccinated or have been tested negative. So for the HSV borrel and directors meetings or BMO meetings, this certificate is required if this meeting takes place in a bar/restaurant.

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

Team meetings are allowed, the size of the room determines how many staff members can attend.

Presence of parent(s)/guardian(s), volunteers and/or (external) professionals is allowed. Per location decisions will be made about the number of persons allowed access to the building.

If a person is tested positive and is infected with the coronavirus, only the non-immune housemates should stay at home. Immune roommates without complaints do not have to be quarantined. The test advice on day 5 continues to apply to non-immune and immune housemates. A person is considered immune to SARS-CoV-2 if he/she:

- Completed a series of vaccinations from Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca 14 days or more ago; OR
- received 1 dose of one of these vaccines 14 days or more ago after a previous SARS-CoV-2 infection; OR
- received the Janssen vaccine 28 days or more ago; OR
- Lived through COVID-19 less than 6 months ago.

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 and you as an adult are not yet immune;
- 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;
- 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 strongly advised 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,
- the child is part of an outbreak investigation.

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

Both students and educational staff who have persistent complaints with a known cause (hay fever or chronic colds) do not have to be excluded, unless the symptoms change. In case of complaints other than someone is used to, the student or staff member must stay at home until the (new) complaints have passed. Parents and teaching staff can contact their GP if in doubt.

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 student or staff member who has been tested negative for corona can return to school.

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 school manager or location manager 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. Adult home mates of a COVID-19 case patient must remain in home quarantine for up to 10 days after the last contact with the patient, unless they are immune. That's because they can get sick up to 10 days after the last contact with the person. 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.

If a person is tested positive and is infected with the coronavirus, only the non-immune housemates should stay at home. Immune roommates without complaints do not have to be quarantined. The test advice on day 5 continues to apply to non-immune and immune housemates.

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

Text protocol about staff

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, unless the staff member is immune.
- 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, unless the staff member is immune. 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.