



Compulsory negative COVID-19 test result and declaration

Travellers from a country not on the European Union's list of low-risk countries and who are exempt from the EU entry ban for the Netherlands must be able to present a negative COVID-19 test result and declaration when travelling to the Netherlands by air or ship. This is one of the measures being taken by the Netherlands to combat the importation and spread of coronavirus. It does not apply to nationals of EU/Schengen countries, including the Netherlands.

Passengers must show their negative test result and declaration to the airline or ship operator and to the Dutch Royal Military and Border Police. Passengers must carry these documents with them for the duration of their journey.



Who needs to show a negative COVID-19 test result and declaration?

Passengers aged 13 and over from outside the EU/Schengen area:

- who are exempt from the EU entry ban; and
- who are entering the Netherlands by air or ship from a country not on the European Union's list of low-risk countries.

A list of exemptions from the requirement for a negative test result and declaration is available on government.nl/testdeclaration.

For more information on the EU entry ban and exemptions see government.nl/visitingthenetherlands. Here you will also find a list of low-risk countries. All countries not on this list are classed as high-risk areas.



What requirements must the test result meet?

- The test must have been a standard COVID-19 PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test, not a rapid test.
- The test must have been performed no more than 72 hours prior to arrival of the aircraft or ship in the Netherlands, taking time zones into account.
- The test result must be negative.
- The test result must be in Dutch, English, French, German or Spanish.
- The test result must include the following information:
 - the passenger's first and last names as stated in their passport;
 - the date and time the test was conducted; and
 - the details of the institute/laboratory that performed the test, including a signature and/or stamp.

If the passenger is delayed through no fault of their own, a negative test result up to 96 hours old (instead of 72 hours) may be accepted. The passenger is responsible for proving there was a valid reason for the delay.



No negative test result and declaration or an invalid negative test result and declaration? If an air passenger does not present a negative test result and declaration before departure, they may not travel to the Netherlands and will not be permitted to board the aircraft. In the Netherlands the Royal Military and Border Police will also check whether passengers have a negative test result and declaration. If not, they will be denied entry into the Netherlands. They will have to return to their country of departure with the same airline.

More information about negative test results and declarations: government.nl/testdeclaration

Basic measures to stop the spread of coronavirus in the Netherlands

If you have symptoms,



stay at home and get tested.



If you have a fever and/or shortness of breath, anyone you live with must stay at home too.



Work from home, unless that is not possible.



Stay 1.5 metres from others.



If it's too busy, leave.



Wash your hands often.



Cough and sneeze into your elbow.



Wear a face mask where it is mandatory to do so.

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corona onder controle

More information:
government.nl/coronavirus
or call 0800-1351