

	Changes in surveillance	Changes in measures / advices
27 Jan 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case definition for suspected case: a patient with fever (at least 38°C) and at least two respiratory symptoms, AND disease onset was within 14 days after returning from Wuhan, China, OR within 14 days after contact with a confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection - Case definition for confirmed case: Any person who has had an infection with SARS-CoV-2 on two independent targets by RT-PCR - Testing only for patients matching the case definition 	
7 Feb 2020	Case definition expanded to hospitalized patients with symptoms matching the case definition and returning from China (not Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan)	
24 Feb 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case definition expanded to all patients with symptoms matching the case definition and returning from China (including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), Singapore, Iran and several municipalities in North-Italy - Testing expanded to pneumonia cases without a clear causative agent or who do not responding to therapy 	
28 Feb 2020	Case definition expanded to all patients without fever, but otherwise matching the case definition	
1 Mar 2020	Case definition expanded to all patients with symptoms matching the case definition and returning from Hong Kong, Macau, and seven provinces of North-Italy	Travelers from areas with SARS-CoV-2 transmission are advised to stay home when fever or respiratory symptoms
9 Mar 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice to stop giving handshakes - Work from home if possible in the province of North-Brabant
12 Mar 2020	Link to foreign area with SARS-CoV-2 transmission is released. Due to shortage of tests, only hospitalized SARI patients and healthcare workers inside hospitals with respiratory symptoms, and patients ≥70 years of age or chronically ill patients <70 years outside hospitals with symptoms can be tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice to stay home when fever or mild respiratory symptoms (cold, coughing, sneezing or fever) - No gatherings >100 persons allowed - Advice to work from home if possible - College/universities switch to online courses - Advice to reduce contacts with vulnerable groups
15 Mar 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of all restaurants, cafes, bars, sport clubs, and fitness clubs - Advice to keep at least 1.5 meters distance of persons from different households
16 Mar 2020		Closure of all schools and daycare facilities
20 Mar 2020		Nursing homes closed to visitors
23 Mar 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice to stay home as much as possible - Maximum of 3 visitors at home - Whole family should stay home when one member has fever and mild respiratory symptoms - All gatherings banned - Contact professions no longer allowed to work
6 Apr 2020	Testing expanded to healthcare workers outside hospitals with symptoms	
6 May 2020	Testing expanded to teachers and childminders with symptoms	
11 May 2020	Testing expanded to people with a contact profession with symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reopening of primary schools and daycare facilities at 50% - Most contact professions can reopen.
1 Jun 2020	Testing becomes available for all persons with symptoms, i.e. cold, coughing, sneezing, fever, loss of smell or taste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cafes/restaurants reopen with maximum of 30 visitors - Non-medical face-masks mandatory in public transport
2 Jun 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secondary schools partly reopen with 1.5 meter distance - Primary education/daycare facilities reopen at 100%.
1 Jul 2020		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.5 meter distance rule released for students at secondary schools. Secondary schools reopen at 100% after summer holiday - Maximum number of visitors indoors expanded to 100

		people - Reopening of sport/fitness clubs
18 Aug 2020		- Maximum of 6 visitors at home
19 Sep 2020	Due to shortage of tests, children aged ≤ 12 years with symptoms are no longer tested unless severely ill or part of contact tracing investigation	
21 Sep 2020	Teachers and healthcare workers can test with priority	
29 Sep 2020		- Maximum of 3 visitors at home - Maximum group sizes of 30 people indoors and 40 people outdoors - Cafes/restaurants closed at 10 p.m.
30 Sep 2020		- Advice to wear face masks in publicly accessible indoor areas
14 Oct 2020		- Maximum of 3 visitors at home per day - Maximum group size of 4 persons (not in home situation) - Closure of cafes/restaurants - Contact sports are stopped, no team sport
4 Nov 2020		- Maximum of 2 visitors at home per day. - Maximum group size of 2 persons (not in home situation) - Closure of publicly accessible indoor locations
17 Nov 2020	Children aged ≤ 12 years with symptoms can test again	
19 Nov 2020		- Maximum of 3 visitors at home per day - Maximum group size of 4 persons (not in home situation) - Reopening of publicly accessible locations
1 Dec 2020	People without symptoms that emerge from contact tracing investigation or receive a notification from the COVID-19 mobile phone application that they have an increased risk of infection can also be tested without having symptoms. Testing occurs 5 days after the last day of exposure.	Wearing a mouth mask is mandatory in all public and indoor areas, in education, public transport and in contact professions.
15 Dec 2020		- Maximum of 2 visitors at home per day. - Maximum group size of 2 persons outside home (increased to 3 persons on 24, 25 and 26 December) - Non-essential shops and publicly accessible buildings are closed - Non-medical contact professions no longer allowed to work