

However, the role of asymptomatic carriers of SARS-CoV-2 to the transmission is not clear yet.

As a pre-cautionary measure, we would recommend to apply social distancing on aircrafts as practical as possible when this is possible (small number of passengers on board) and to have the aircraft ventilation system in operation when crew or passengers are on board the aircraft. If PPE (medical masks) are available it could be an additional precautionary measure for all passengers and crew. However, we are aware that there is shortage of masks even at hospitals.

Kind regards,

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Dear 5.1.2e,

We are getting questions at the public health institute in the Netherlands from airlines and the our government on measures that have to be taken on board for responsible working and transport of air passengers. Our government has implemented the rule that people should keep of 1.5 meters. This is very difficult to implement in airplanes. We urgently need guidelines on this concerning seating of passengers, keeping distance between passengers and crew and guidelines on working on board by aircrew.

Can you urgently advise on these issues?

Regards

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