

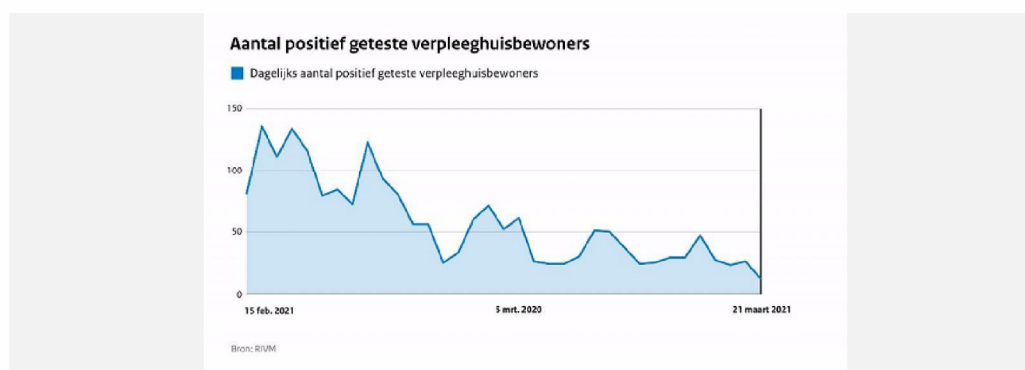
# Coronavirus Dashboard figures for press conference of 23 March 2021

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The government currently sees no scope for easing the coronavirus restrictions. Although more people are being vaccinated, the number of positive cases and hospital admissions are also increasing. The Coronavirus Dashboard gives you the most recent data and provides more insight into the situation.

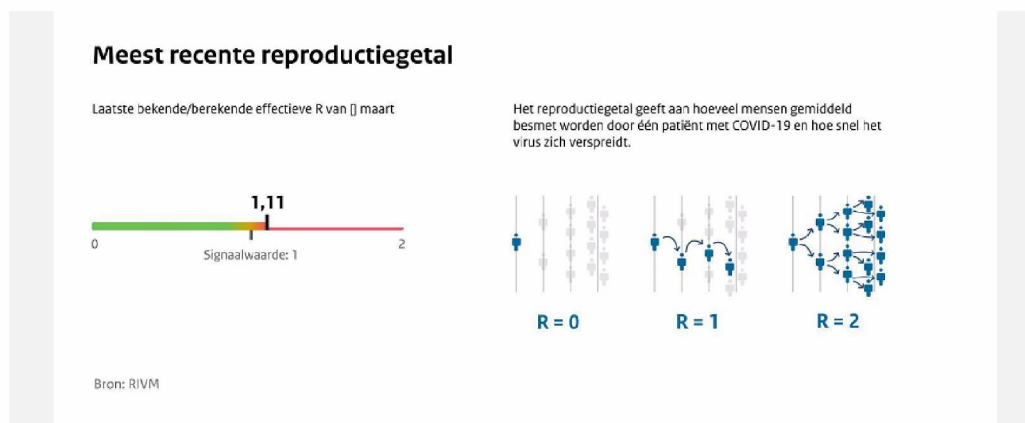
## 1. Positive effects of vaccination growing stronger

More than two million vaccine doses have now been administered. We can see vaccination is working by the falling number of infections in nursing homes, for instance.



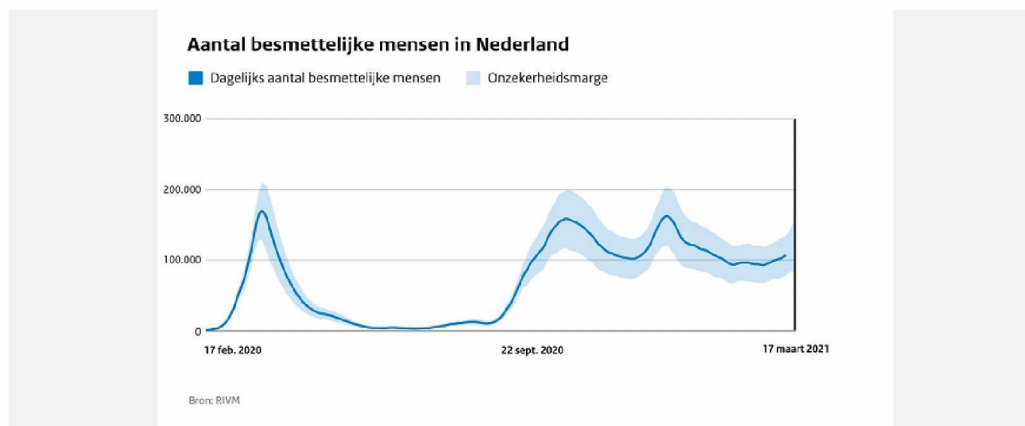
## 2. But at the same time, R is higher than 1

The coronavirus variant that was first identified in the UK now accounts for more than 80% of confirmed cases in the Netherlands. This variant is more infectious and makes more people ill. In spite of the strict measures in place, the reproduction number (R) is increasing.



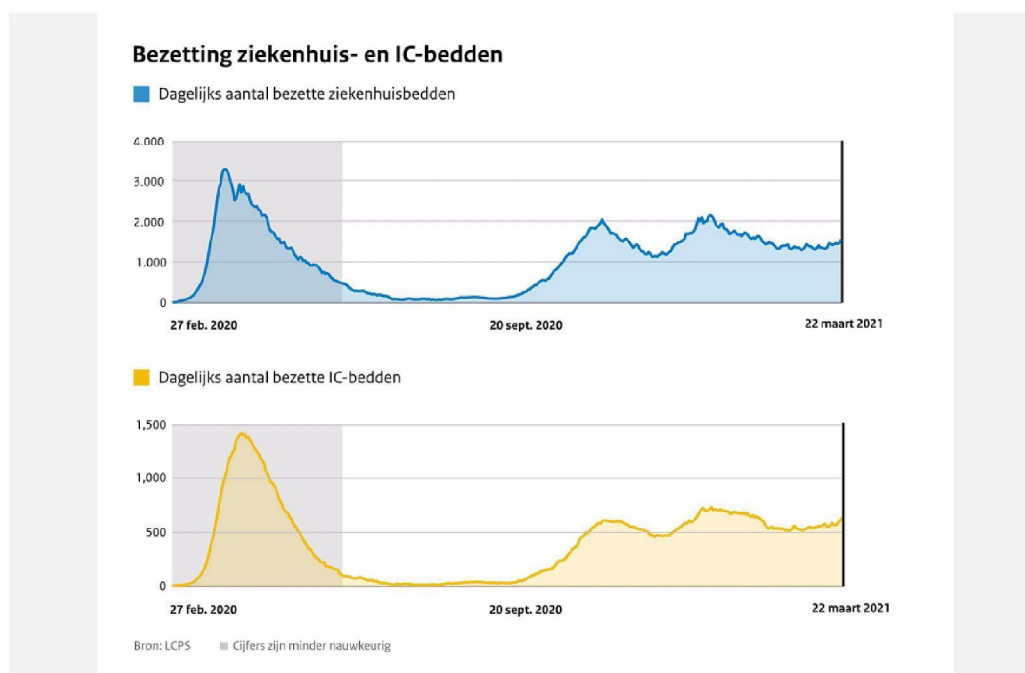
### 3. More than 100,000 people are infectious

The number of infectious people is high, so a small increase in the percentage of infections represents a large increase in the number of infectious people.



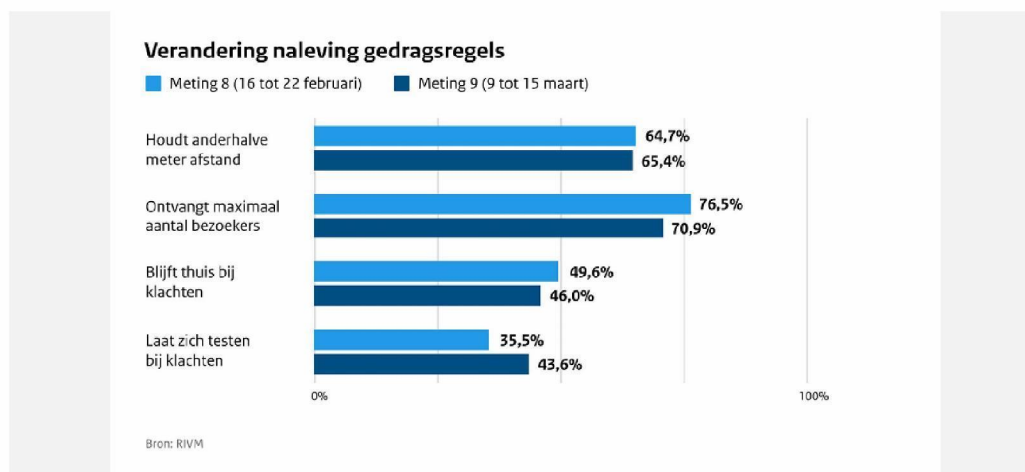
### 4. The number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals is cause for concern

If the number of hospital and ICU admissions increases much further, the pressure on the health and care sector will become too high. This will result in other forms of care and treatment being scaled down. It might also result in a shortage of ICU beds.



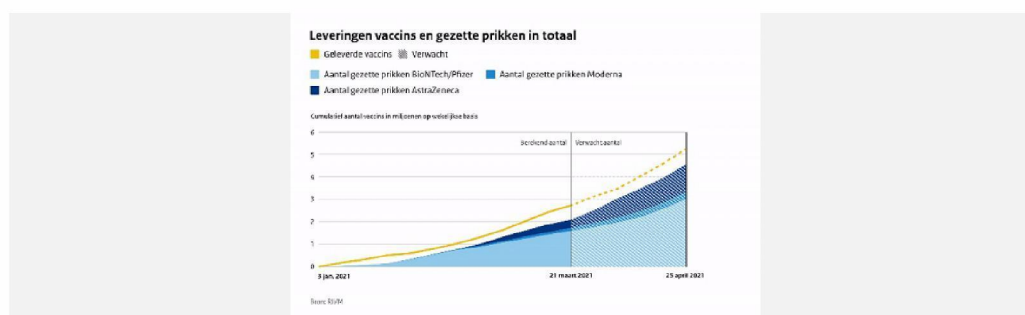
## 5. People are getting tested faster, but compliance with the other measures is becoming harder

The figures for 23 March show that people are having more trouble complying with most of the coronavirus rules. Overall, more people are saying they will get tested if they have symptoms, but this group still represents less than half of the general population. In particular, compliance with the rule of receiving only one visitor per day has been falling for weeks.



## 6. We're not there yet, but vaccination is opening up prospects

The more people who get vaccinated, the quicker we can move to the next phase, in which easing measures does not lead to extra hospital and ICU admissions. We can help make this happen faster by complying more strictly with the measures and getting tested more often.



See also: [The effect of vaccination on the number of positive tests | Coronavirus Dashboard | Government.nl](#)