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## Information on hospital isolation

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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are being tested for the new coronavirus because you have symptoms that could be associated with this disease. Recently, you had contact with a patient who was diagnosed with the new coronavirus, or you have just returned from China. It is possible that you also have become infected with this virus. Pending the test result, it is necessary to take precautions to prevent further spread of the virus. After consultation with the GGD (Municipal Health Service), it has been decided that you will be hospitalized in strict isolation. In this letter, we will explain what the new coronavirus is and what it means for you.

### What is the new coronavirus?

- The new coronavirus is a new form of the coronavirus that has been actively infecting people since the end of 2019.
- The first symptoms of the disease are: Fever ( $> 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and respiratory symptoms (coughing and/or shortness of breath).
- People who have had contact with the new coronavirus can still get sick up to 14 days after contact.

For more information about the new coronavirus, visit  
<https://www.rivm.nl/coronavirus/nieuw-coronavirus-in-China>.

### How likely are you to infect others with the new coronavirus?

Because you may be carrying the new coronavirus, there is a risk that you could infect other people. The new coronavirus can spread through the air through coughing, sneezing and direct physical contact. Because it is not yet known how infectious the new coronavirus is, some precautions are needed.

### What are we asking of you?

As long as you have symptoms and it is not yet clear whether you have the new coronavirus or any other condition, you will be hospitalized in strict isolation. This isolation and the test are carried out on a voluntary basis. Because the new coronavirus can cause a serious disease, the mayor can also impose compulsory hospitalization in certain cases.

To reduce further spread of the new coronavirus and prevent other people in your area from becoming ill, it is essential that you cooperate with the above measures until the test results are known.

### Do you have any questions?

Please call the GGD at XXX-XXXXXX, and outside office hours at XXXXXX.

We hope we can rely on your cooperation.