Information for people arriving from the United Kingdom and South Africa

People travelling to the Netherlands from the United Kingdom or South Africa by air or sea must be able to present a negative COVID-19 test result and a declaration with their signature.

From 00.00 on 23 December 2020 passengers are required to show an official negative test result for COVID-19 and a declaration with their signature to the airline or ferry operator before travelling to the Netherlands. If they cannot do so, they may not travel to the Netherlands and will not be permitted to board the aircraft or ferry. This also applies to Dutch nationals.

Test result and declaration

Passengers must be able to present the following documents:

- an official negative COVID-19 test result;

- a negative test declaration completed and signed by the passenger.

They must show these documents to the airline or ferry operator before departure. On arrival in the Netherlands they must show them to safety region officials or the Royal Military and Border Police (*Koninklijke Marechaussee*).

Information that must be provided on the test result and declaration

The negative test result must be in English, German, French, Spanish or Dutch. The document must include the following information:

- Type of test: the test must be a molecular PCR test and must be for SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19. No other type of test, including a rapid test, is valid;
- Test result: the test result must be negative (or not detected);
- Passenger's first and last name as stated in their passport;
- Date and time the test was conducted: the test must have been conducted no more than 72 hours prior to the passenger's arrival in the Netherlands.
- Name and contact information of the institute or laboratory that conducted the test.
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Importance of negative test result and declaration

Passengers from high-risk areas pose a risk to the Netherlands because they could potentially import and spread coronavirus. To limit that risk, they must be able to present a negative test result and declaration.

Test must have been conducted less than 72 hours before arrival

The time between the moment the test was conducted and the passenger's arrival in the Netherlands must be no more than 72 hours. The result must be known before the passenger departs for the Netherlands.

Passengers who need a negative COVID-19 test result and declaration

From 00.00 on 23 December 2020, passengers are required to present a negative COVID-19 test result and declaration if they:

- are arriving from the United Kingdom or South Africa;
- are travelling by air or sea; and
- are aged 13 or over.

Situations in which a test result are not required

Negative COVID-19 test result not needed for transit through Dutch airports

Passengers who arrive at an airport in the Netherlands by air and continue their journey by air without leaving the airport are not required to present a negative test result.

Air passengers who leave the airport and continue their journey, for instance by train, must present a negative test result.

Negative test result and arrival in the Netherlands

Test conducted more than 72 hours prior to arrival in the Netherlands due to delay

If travel is delayed through no fault of the passenger, a negative result of a test conducted up to 96 hours before arrival (instead of 72 hours) will be accepted. This gives the passenger an extra 24 hours. The passenger is responsible for proving the time limit was exceeded due to a delay that was no fault of their own.

Passengers without a negative test result and declaration will not be allowed to enter the Netherlands

If an air passenger cannot 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. This also applies to passengers travelling by ferry. On arrival in the Netherlands, safety region officials will check that passengers have a negative test result and declaration.

Self-quarantine

A negative test result is not a substitute for self-quarantining on arrival. People arriving in the Netherlands from a country with an orange travel advisory due to a high level of coronavirus infections must self-quarantine for 10 days.

No travel to the Netherlands if test result is positive

If a person has tested positive for COVID-19 they are not allowed to travel anywhere, including to the Netherlands. They must stay in isolation until they no longer have symptoms, and they must follow the advice of the local health services. This also applies to Dutch nationals.

They can travel to the Netherlands only if they no longer have symptoms and they have tested negative for COVID-19.

Negative test result is not a health declaration

Passengers arriving in the Netherlands by air must also have filled in a health declaration.