



**Policy HSV:**

***The developments based on the press conference of January 25th 2022 are:***

***Quarantine after contact with a positive tested person is not necessary for students if they have no complaints. Classes will therefore no longer be quarantined if there are three or more infections in the class. In case of complaints, parents are requested to keep the student at home or to have them tested, if the test is negative, the student is allowed to go to school. With a positive self-test, testing at the GGD is still necessary. The GGD can always provide additional advice to a school, for example in the event of a major outbreak of the virus. The HSV asks for the cooperation of the parents to exercise extreme caution, even in the case of mild complaints from students, to protect the staff and the vulnerable in our environment.***

***For adults, quarantine after contact with a person who tested positive is not necessary if they have no complaints and a booster shot was obtained more than 1 week ago or if they had a positive test less than 8 weeks ago. Teachers have a crucial job: if they have no complaints, it can be decided in consultation with the management that quarantine is not necessary, even if the aforementioned conditions are not met (booster shot, own positive test less than 8 weeks ago).***

***Employees without complaints use a preventive self-test if they want to know their health status. Employees with complaints who are unable to come to work use the GGD test. Employees with mild complaints can do a self-test. In case of persistent complaints, it is important to do a self-test again the next day. If complaints worsen or if you suffer from loss of smell or taste, it is necessary to have a test at the GGD or to do a rapid antigen test. Employees with (mild) complaints who can come to work (and who are also scheduled to come to work) can receive a voucher from the location manager for a rapid antigen-test. Staff and students in groups 6, 7 and 8 are advised to do self-tests at home twice a week.***

***Meetings only take place when the distance of 1.5 m can be maintained. Parents and/or guardians enter the school to a limited extent and only with permission from the director/location manager of the school. All outsiders wear a mask. In quarantine: schoolwork to do at home, distance learning only if this is possible. For each location, the location leader can decide to use walking routes, different break times and different daily start and end times. Parents are urged to keep a distance of 1.5 m when dropping off and picking up students outside the building: only 1 parent per family is allowed to bring and pick up the student(s).***

***Group activities in school such as musicals can only be organized without the presence of parents/guardians and external parties. Sports days and celebrations (outside the school) are allowed to organize, if they are part of the education program***

### **Locations where a face mask is required by law**

It is legally required to wear a face mask in the following places:

- in public transport, train, tram, bus and ferry;
- in places around public transport, such as stops, platforms and stations;
- at airports and in airplanes;
- in professional passenger transport such as coaches and taxis;
- in public indoor spaces, such as supermarkets, shops and libraries;
- at sports locations for everyone from the age of 13, for both staff and guests during travel and when you are sitting. The mask is allowed to take off during sports;
- when visiting contact professions, such as the hairdresser, masseur or pedicure, for service provider and customer.
- in primary education for adults when traveling through the school;
- in secondary education: for everyone while traveling through the school;
- at MBO schools, colleges and universities: for everyone while traveling through the school and when you are sitting or standing somewhere;

### **Locations where wearing a mouth cap is advice**

- You will be advised to wear a face mask in the following places:
- In crowded places outside where it is difficult to keep your distance, such as in shopping streets or markets.
- For students in groups 6, 7 and 8 in primary education outside the classroom. For example in the hallway.
- For people who cannot work from home: on the work floor, when moving or where you cannot keep 1.5 meters away.

### **Suitable mouth caps and materials**

The use of homemade and cloth face masks is not recommended. The advice is to wear medical mouth-nose masks (disposable face masks). Make sure that the mask always covers the nose, mouth and chin.

No hands are shaken. Students and adults wash their hands regularly. It's sensible to ventilate the buildings as much as possible.

Hygiene regulations of the RIVM are complied with as much as possible.

Think about:

- Wash hands with soap and water, several times a day for at least 20 seconds: at the beginning of school hours, before breaks, after breaks, after going to the toilet;
- Use of paper towels;
- Coughing/sneezing in the elbow;
- Do not touch your face;
- Clean surfaces with water and soap/disinfectant.

Quarantine may be needed if you come back from a very high-risk area, unless exemptions are applicable <https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/self-quarantine/exceptions-mandatory-quarantine>;

Children who are tested will stay at home until the results are known.

**If not tested:**

- A student with complaints related to the coronavirus (cough and / or fever and / or reduced smell and taste) must stay at home until he / she is free of symptoms for 24 hours. Parents report their child's illness to the school and / or childcare organisation, which registers this.
- A staff member with complaints of the coronavirus (cough and / or fever and / or reduced smell and taste) must stay at home until he / she is free of symptoms for 24 hours.

**If tested positive:**

- A student or staff member with complaints must stay at home from the moment the complaints arise until the test result is known.
- A student or staff member who has been tested positive for corona must stay at home until at least 7 days after the start of the complaints and may only return to school when he / she no longer has any complaints for 24 hours.

**If tested negative:**

- A student or staff member with complaints must stay at home from the moment the complaints arise until the test result is known.
- A staff member who has been tested negative for corona can return to school. Students who have a cold wait until they have no complaints for 24 hours.

**What should a school do in the event of a (suspicion of) an infection?**

It is common for schools to report outbreaks of infectious diseases to the GGD department for infectious disease control. The director or head of school reports an unusual number of cases of a disease of a suspected infectious nature to the GGD. This also applies to (possible) coronavirus infections.

**What happens if an infection has been detected at school?**

The GGD conducts source and contact research for all patients with a confirmed coronavirus infection. The GGD then asks the patient with whom he/she has had direct contact during the contagious period and, if necessary, takes measures to prevent further spread. Exactly what measures should be taken at the school and whether more people should be tested depends on the circumstances and is determined by the GGD. The GGD will contact the school about this.

**RIVM guidelines:**

The school applies the RIVM advice and guidelines for the schools:

The following specific measures for staff are in effect:

- Staff members with corona-related complaints are tested in accordance with the national test policy and established principles. The test policy is made by the GGD. If the continuity of education is at risk, priority can be given to testing. The head of school must sign a priority form and a special telephone number must be called.
- You stay at home until the result is known (consult the employer about which activities you can do from home).
- Staff members who are part of a risk group can be exempted from work at school (choice of employee in consultation with the ARBO doctor or GP and employer).
- Staff members with family members who are part of a risk group can be exempted from work at school (choice of employee in consultation with the employer and treating physician).
- A staff member who does not belong to the risk group, but who is seriously concerned, will discuss this with his employer. In that meeting, an assessment is made as to whether agreements can be made about the precise details of the activities. If an individual staff member still needs personal protective equipment, this can be discussed. It is not necessary for safety reasons.
- Medical information of the staff member is not shared with colleagues or parents without consent.
- The ARBO doctor can be involved in this.

**What if there is a suspicion that an employee has the coronavirus but has not been diagnosed?**

If there is a suspicion that an employee is infected with the coronavirus, the employer may request the employee to stay at home or to go home. This may be because the employee has certain illness symptoms (fever, cough). Under normal circumstances it is not customary to ask an employee to stay at home, but under current circumstances it is possible to protect others.



## Ventilation

In September 2020, research was conducted into the quality of the ventilation of the HSV school buildings, relating to COVID-19 (Corona) and the associated requirements and standards. The results of this investigation do not lead to immediate measures. However, opening windows in the winter season will be more difficult. We will continue to do so where possible and will advise staff and children to wear warm clothing. The HSV will also closely monitor which additional possibilities the extra OCW investment of € 360 million will offer for installing mechanical ventilation in buildings that do not yet have this.

In the first instance, 2 levels (standards) were examined, namely:

- The 2012 Building Decree for existing buildings.
- Class C “fresh schools”.

Both standards are based on a quantity of fresh air per person per second, namely 3.44 and 6 liters respectively.

The school buildings with classrooms and gym with a WTW (WarmteTerugWin / heat recovery) installation:

- **Willemsparkschool (Frederikstraat)**
- **Van Heutszstraat**

These buildings with mechanical ventilation function well.

The school buildings with natural ventilation:

- **IVIO (Laan van Poot)**

This building meets the ventilation requirements excellently, windows in all rooms can be opened on 3 sides, both low and high.

- **VNS (Van Nijenrodestraat)**

The classrooms meet the building regulations (more than 30 pupils), are suitable for up to 20 pupils according to the “fresh schools” standard. By using “open doors” and “open windows in the hallway” during breaks, additional ventilation can be provided.

The room next to the auditorium deserves the most attention. The situation can continue to function properly in the short term by means of open doors and open windows in the hallway.

- **KSS Koningin Sophiestraat**

The classrooms meet the building regulations (more than 30 pupils), but are suitable for up to 21 pupils according to the “fresh schools” standard. By using “open doors” and “open windows in the hallway” (possibly only) during breaks, additional ventilation can be provided.

ID6 is now using the former Dutch room, because there are better ventilation options for their intensive use.

The gym does comply with building regulations (> 30 students), but for only 17 students at “fresh schools” level. Extra ventilation by opening the emergency doors helps.

- **NSL Nassaulaan**

Although this building is the oldest building of the HSV, there are enough windows that can be opened to meet the requirements at both quality levels. To be on the safe side, additional measurements have been taken here with a CO2 survey: these measurements do not lead to a different conclusion.

In the gym, ventilation is necessary by opening the emergency door. We are investigating whether we can install more tilting windows in the wall at the street side. When staff needs this, measurements will be done to check the air-quality in the rooms where students are educated.