

## Measurements by the Dutch Government, 31 March 2020

The Government decided today that all coronary measures in the Netherlands will be extended until Tuesday 28 April. Schools will stay closed at least until after the May holidays. After that, institutions, shops and other places of business will open in phases, as long as there is no further extension. In the week before 28 April, the Government will assess what is needed for the period thereafter.

The prohibition on gatherings remains in force until 1 June.

The Netherlands is still a long way off beating the Coronavirus. However, the right path has been taken. The number of sick people is still increasing, but not as fast as a few weeks ago, before measures were announced.

1. Events with a licensing and reporting requirement will be prohibited until 1 June 2020.

All other meetings will be prohibited, with a few exceptions:

- a. Statutory meetings (maximum 100 persons), such as meetings of the Municipal Council and the States General;
- b. Meetings necessary for the continuation of the daily work of institutions, companies and other organisations (up to 100 persons);
- c. funerals and weddings (max 30 persons);
- d. Meetings of a religious or philosophical nature (up to 30 people).

These gatherings may only take place if all hygiene measures to combat the Coronavirus are observed and if it is possible to keep a distance of 1.5 metres from each other.

2. Casinos, amusement arcades and similar establishments will be closed.

3. The exercise of all forms of contact professions is prohibited, as long as it is not possible to keep a distance of 1.5 metres from the customer. This includes masseurs, hairdressers, nail stylists, escort services and driving instructors. An exception is made for the treatment of (para)medical professions, provided there is an individual medical indication for this and the practitioner can comply with all hygiene requirements.

4. If the hygiene measures in force and the 1.5 metre distance are not or not sufficiently observed, shops and markets must be closed and public transport must be terminated.

5. Locations such as holiday parks, camping sites, parks, nature reserves and beaches shall be closed if the applicable hygiene measures and the 1.5 metre distance are not or not sufficiently observed at these locations or if there is a risk of this happening.

6. Group formation (accidental or otherwise) in public spaces is prohibited. The Cabinet defines a group as three or more persons who do not keep a distance of 1.5 metres. There is no question of group formation if it concerns persons who form a joint household. There is also no question of group formation if children up to and including 12 years of age play together under the supervision of one or more parents or guardians. Provided that the parents and/or guardians keep a distance of 1.5 metres between them.

The letter to the Safety Council states that measures 2 and 3 must be included in an emergency ordinance. Measures 4 to 7 must be included in the emergency ordinance in such a way that enforcement becomes possible if necessary.

Measures 2 to 6 will be extended until Tuesday 28 April.