

## Negative COVID-19 test requirements

From 15 December 2020, 18:00 hours, travellers age 13 and older arriving to the Netherlands by air or ship must present a negative COVID-19 test result if travelling from countries which are not included on the “EU’s List of Epidemiologically Safe Countries Amid COVID-19” (Safe Country List). Currently only a handful of countries figure on this Safe Country List. This list is subject to frequent change.

The traveller must present **(i) a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate** (in hard copy), with the test conducted no more than 72 hours prior to arrival in the Netherlands **and (ii) a signed Negative Test Declaration** (in hard copy). These documents must be presented to the airline prior to the flight and again at the border control upon arrival in the Netherlands. A similar procedure applies in case of travel by ship.

<https://www.government.nl/documents/forms/2020/12/04/coronavirus-negative-test-declaration-form>

**Comprehensive information** on the negative test requirement, including the exemption categories, is available on the following website:

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/tackling-new-coronavirus-in-the-netherlands/travel-and-holidays/negative-test-declaration-covid-19>

**There are several exemptions to this negative COVID-19 test requirement.** Herewith the most relevant category of persons who are exempted from the negative test requirement. Hence these categories do not need to provide a negative test certificate:

- EU/EEA nationals and residents of the Netherlands, including those who hold a valid privileged person’s ID card issued by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Family members of EU nationals if travelling with the EU national.
- Holders of diplomatic passports. (Note: a UN Laissez Passer is not considered to be equivalent to a diplomatic passport.)
- Persons who enter the Schengen zone at an airport outside the Netherlands and then continue their travel to an airport in the Netherlands (i.e., transit via another airport in the Schengen zone).

The negative COVID-19 test certificate and Negative Test Declaration do not replace the **Health Declaration Form**. A completed form must still be presented upon boarding the flight to the Netherlands and again upon landing in the Netherlands.

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/documents/publications/2020/07/07/information-for-passengers-flying-to-and-from-the-netherlands>

### Technical requirements for the COVID-19 test certificate:

- The test conducted must be a molecular PCR-test for Sars-Cov-2/COVID-19;
- The test result must be documented in English, German, French, Spanish or Dutch and should include the details of the institute/laboratory that conducted the test;
- The name on the test result must match the traveller’s passport details;
- The test must be conducted a maximum of 72 hrs before arrival in the Netherlands (\* see below);

- The test must be conducted before departure from the country of origin.

(\*) In case a traveller's arrival in the Netherlands is delayed due to no fault of his own, then the negative test result for a test taken up to 96 hours prior to arrival in the Netherlands may be accepted. The traveller must then prove that the delay in arriving in the Netherlands was not due to the traveller's fault. For example, if an aircraft experiences a delay in departure or a delay at an intermediate stop.