



HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES IN SECONDARY

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INTRODUCTION

On 14th September, the Dutch authorities announced a release of the COVID measures in schools.

The school guidelines are based on the [VO Raaad Richtlijn: onderwijs tijdens corona](#).

The Secondary cycle will adopt the new measures with effect from 27th September. Continuous evaluation is foreseen, and, if needed, changes to the arrangements and measures will be implemented.

The school will continue to maintain safety and hygiene measures to ensure that students - as well as staff members - can work in safe conditions in accordance with the Dutch national protocols.

All secondary students are expected to follow the same guidelines and national rules, despite their age.

If clarifications are needed on your current situation, or you have questions about self-tests, please contact the safety and security officer Ms Neuman marije.neuman@eursc.eu

1. PRINCIPLE AND OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:

- To incorporate safety measures to maximize the safety of the pupils and staff of the European School Bergen.
- To maximize the pedagogical quality and efficiency of teaching and learning within the safety framework

2. SAFETY AND HYGIENE MEASURES

Following the updated *Guidelines* set in place by the Dutch government, the Secondary School will be organised as follows:

- all students will come to school on a full-time basis
- students and staff members do not need to keep 1,5m distance
- students and staff members do not need to wear a facemask

Some people might feel more comfortable by still wearing a face-mask and/or keeping the distance; it is important to respect each other's choices.

Practical measures

- Classrooms are cleaned to conform with the rules and expectations of the RIVM.
- During the lessons the doors and windows will remain open as much as possible to facilitate natural ventilation.
- Parents, or other adults not working for the school, may be permitted on the school premises again.
- Students are expected to:
 - wash their hands regularly; every student is expected to clean his hands when entering the school building and a class room
 - clean their desks/ tables / keyboard / mouse / music instruments before the start of each lesson
 - follow any specific instruction which might be given in the Gym Hall, Study Hall, or Library

3. ORGANISATION OF THE DAY

- All students will come to school on a full-time basis
- School trips, both day trips and multi-day trips, are officially allowed, however the RIVM rules must be followed.

4. IN CASE OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS or INFECTION

Parents are asked to follow carefully the *Decision tree* ([NL version](#) – [EN version](#)). This schedule outlines whether or not a child can attend school and/or is advised to get tested. The most recent version of the decision tree will be available on the school's website. In some areas (e.g. self-isolation, self-testing) different rules or advices apply for immune and non-immune persons.

A person is considered immune to the SARS-CoV-2 if (s)he:

- completed a vaccination series of Pfizer/Moderna/AstraZeneca 14 or more days ago;
- Or
- received 1 dose of one of these vaccines 14 or days more ago after having been infected with COVID-19;
- Or
- received the Janssen vaccine 28 or more days ago;
- Or
- has been infected with COVID-19 less than 6 months ago.

By clicking [here](#) you will find a useful tool giving clear instructions what to do in your specific case.

4.1 In case of COVID-19 symptoms (e.g. fever, dry cough, breathing problems, loss of sense of taste, sore throat) a student must stay at home and this must be reported to the school via child.absent@esbergen.org. A test at the GGD is strongly advised. Self-tests are not as reliable as a GGD test in case of symptoms.

If symptoms of COVID-19 are suspected during the school day, the student concerned must contact the school nurse immediately, the nurse will contact the parents and the student is sent home. If the student has siblings at school, the nurse will discuss the situation with the parents taking into consideration the RIVM rules.

4.2. In Case of Covid-19 infection

In case a child is identified with COVID-19, the school will be contacted by the GGD (Municipal Health Services), who will advise on which pupils need to quarantine and how long the quarantine period should be.

5. SELF-TESTS

Students and staff members who are not immune are advised to do a preventive self-test at home twice a week (Wednesday and Sunday). Self-tests will be distributed to S1-2 students and are available for other students in Mr Ferrant's and Spittaels' office.

More information about self-testing can be found [here](#).

6. IN CASE OF TRAVELLING TO/FROM ABROAD

The parents are asked to follow the [national instructions](#) when their child has returned from an orange/red/ dark red identified zone. By clicking [here](#) you will find a useful tool giving clear instructions what to do in your specific case.