

# HYGIENE, HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES IN SECONDARY

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#### INTRODUCTION

On 15th February, the Dutch authorities announced the release of Covid-measures in the wider society. The following guidelines are based on the most recent guidelines from the VO Raad, containing measures for Dutch secondary schools (version 24 February 2022).

Any change in the instructions from the Dutch government and the RIVM will be followed up closely. This may also lead to immediate changes in our hygiene, health and safety guidelines.

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

If clarifications are needed on your current situation, 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 maximise the safety of the students and staff of the European School Bergen.
- maximise the pedagogical quality and efficiency of teaching and learning within the safety framework.

### 2. ORGANIZATION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

- All secondary students can come to school and follow their lessons in situ. The school is open unless the GGD advises to close a class/the school based on a very high number of infections.
- Students who are in home quarantine and are able to work will find the necessary lesson material or tasks in Teams/One Note. When instructed by the teacher, they can follow the lesson (or part of the lesson) on-line.

## 3. HYGIENE, HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

# A. Hygiene

- The wearing of face-masks is not required.
- Students and staff members are asked to continue to strictly follow the guidelines for good hygiene (e.g. hand sanitizers are available)
- Class rooms and materials are cleaned to conform with the rules and expectations of the RIVM.
- The rooms are ventilated regularly. CO2 monitors will be used to provide insight in the air quality.

# B. Health and safety

## 1. Presence at school

Students have to come to school unless they are feeling unwell, have (self-) tested positive, are planning to be tested at the GGD or are awaiting the test result of a PCR test.

In any way, a sick student remains at home.

If symptoms of COVID-19 are suspected during the school day, the student concerned must contact the school nurse immediately.

The school nurse will assess whether the student should go home.

If necessary, a self-test will be done. If the student is under 16, parents will be called for permission. Older students will have to grant their consent themselves before performing the test.

# 2. Self-tests

Self-tests will be **distributed by the class teachers**, with an average of 2/week. If a student needs additional self-tests, (s)he can contact the nurse or Mr Spittaels.

Students are requested to make use of **self-tests at home, twice a week**, as a prevention. Preferably the self-test should be done in the morning, before the start of the school day. **When a member of the household has COVID**, a daily self-test for a period of 5 consecutive days is strongly advised.

Self-tests can be used in case of **mild symptoms** (like nose cold, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, occasional cough or increase to 38°).

## 3. PCR tests (at the GGD)

PCR tests (at the GGD) are strongly advised if a pupil

- has tested positive on a self-test
- has multiple or more severe (cold) symptoms

## 4. Access to the school

Parents, or other adults not working for the school, are allowed in school again.