



Government of the Netherlands

## Dutch measures against coronavirus: additional measures

The government has put additional measures in place to ensure that we, as a society, get through this period as smoothly as possible.

From 1 July, schools and childcare centres will no longer offer emergency childcare for parents working in the healthcare sector. This includes hospital staff, nursing staff, carers and home carers, ambulance staff and support staff, such as cleaners at hospitals and care homes, as well as doctors and other medical staff in the armed forces. The infrastructure will remain in place so that this service can be started up again quickly if necessary.

For healthcare workers [specific guidelines](#) apply about when they can go to work.

Emergency childcare will be available for the children of healthcare workers. This includes hospital staff, nursing staff, carers and home carers, ambulance staff and support staff, such as cleaners at hospitals and care homes, as well as doctors and other medical staff in the armed forces.

Emergency measures have been put in place to protect jobs and the economy. These include temporary [financial arrangements for businesses and self-employed people](#), to help cover incomes and salaries, defer tax payments and make it easier to obtain credit. These measures also go some way to supporting the cultural and creative sectors.

Running your business and observing all the rules, like keeping 1.5 metres apart, is only possible if the rules and procedures are clear. That's why the different sectors have drawn up protocols with basic rules that everyone in the sector must follow. [These protocols can be found at Mijncoronaprotocol.nl \(in Dutch\)](#).

Banks have increased the transaction amount limit for contactless card payments to help prevent the virus spreading via PIN pads.

Various social initiatives have been launched to help others at this time. These include:

[Ready2Help \(Dutch\)](#), a network of Red Cross volunteers, is informing people from vulnerable groups about how they can protect themselves against coronavirus.

[NLdoet \(Dutch\)](#) is bringing together volunteers and people who want help.

Various helplines for older people: [ANBO](#) (+31 (0)34 846 6666), [KBO-PCOB](#) (+31 (0)30 340 0600) and the [Netherlands Red Cross](#) (+31 (0)70 445 5888).

Coronavirus helpline for older people with migration backgrounds: +31 (0)30 340 0600.

The [Nietalleen.nl \(Dutch\)](#) platform, set up by local organisations and churches, is bringing together those who are offering help, and those who need it.

For initiatives in your area, see your municipality's website.

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## Ministry responsible

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