



Government of the Netherlands

COVID-19: the Dutch steps after 11 May in simple language

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On Wednesday 6 May, Prime Minister Mark Rutte talked about coronavirus on TV. These are the most important things he said:

Step by step

In the next few months more things will be allowed.

People must still stay 1.5 metres apart.

If lots of people get sick, the steps below will be taken later.

11 May: step 1

Primary schools, special schools and childcare will open. But children cannot go to primary school every day.

Hairdressers and beauticians can work again. Pedicurists and physiotherapists can also work again. But you must make an appointment.

You can play sports outside. But you must stay 1.5 metres away from other people.

Libraries can open again.

1 June: step 2

You must wear a face mask on the bus, tram, metro and train. Only use the bus, tram, metro or train if you really need to.

Secondary schools will open again.

Outside seating areas will open again.

Restaurants, café and bars will open for up to 30 people. People must make a reservation.

Cinemas will open for up to 30 people. People must buy a ticket in advance.

Theatres and concert halls will open for up to 30 people. People must buy a ticket in advance.

Museums will open. People must buy a ticket in advance.

1 July: step 3

Campsites will open again. Showers and toilets at campsites will also be open.

Cinemas, restaurants, bars, cafés, theatres and concert halls will open for up to 100 people.

1 September: step 4

Fitness centres will open again.

Playing sports inside and playing contact sports will be allowed.

Sports matches and competitions can be held. Professional football matches can also be held. But without spectators.

Important rules:

Always stay 1.5 metres away from other people.

Do not go to busy places.

Cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Wash your hands often with soap.

If you have a cold, stay at home.

If you have a fever or trouble breathing, the people you live with must also stay at home.

Work from home if possible.

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