

Covid-19 Reopening Protocol for Business Events in The Netherlands



Introduction & Disclaimer

For whom: This Covid-19 Reopening Protocol contains guidelines for meeting and convention organizers, suppliers, and delegates of meetings, conventions and events taking place in the Netherlands. Business events include trade shows and corporate events.

For this protocol NBTC Holland Marketing (NBTC) obtained information from the Dutch government, the National Institute for Public Health & the Environment (RIVM), (strategic) partners and other suppliers as well as via desk research. A list of helpful resources can be found below.

Responsibility: The responsibility to prevent the spread of the coronavirus is a shared responsibility. This can only be achieved when everyone observes the guidelines included in this protocol and follows through. NBTC provides this summary as a guidance for clients, organizers, suppliers, and visitors to business meetings in the Netherlands. NBTC cannot guarantee that following these guidelines will exclude any risks and NBTC cannot be held liable for any cases of Covid-19 that possibly occur following attending an event in the Netherlands. This is the sole responsibility of the parties involved when entering into an agreement.

Validity: This information was published on December 14, 2020 and will be frequently updated. Please contact [NBTC](#) in the event of questions relating to the content and validity of this information.

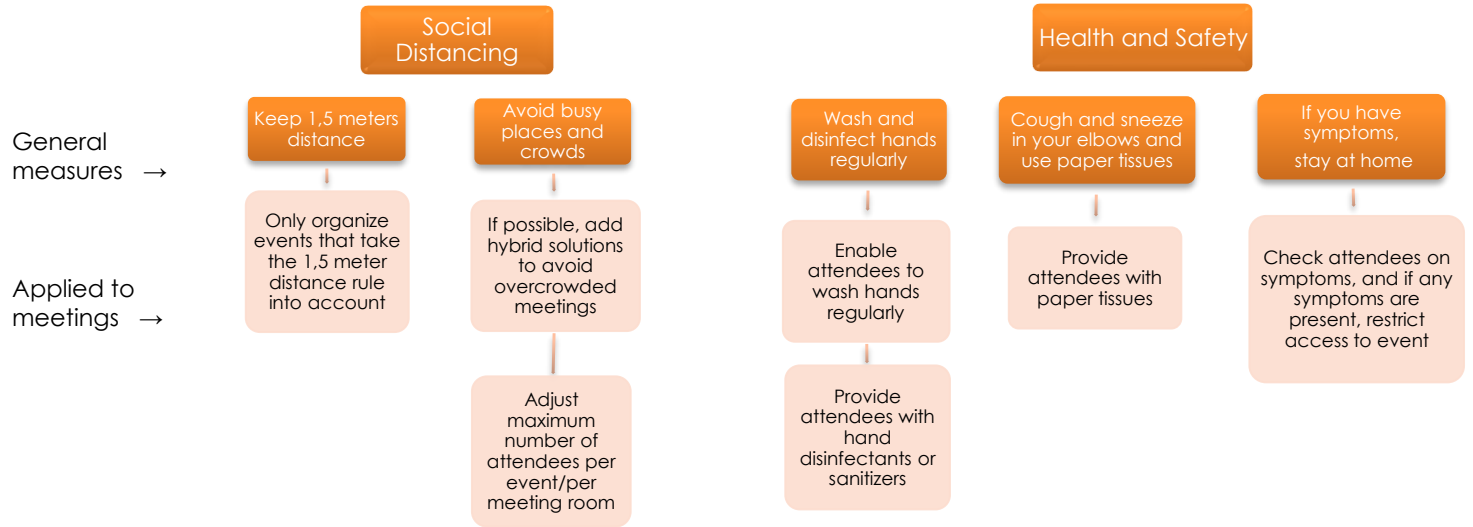
Helpful resources:

- For general Covid-19 visitor information we refer to the [website](#) of NBTC.
- Government of the Netherlands: [Frequently asked questions about Covid-19](#)
- Government of the Netherlands: [Health and safety in daily life and at work during the Covid-19 crisis](#)
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM): [Current information on Covid-19 and specific topics](#)
- World Health Organization: [Key planning recommendations for mass gatherings in the context of Covid-19](#)
- AIPC, ICCA and UFI: [The good practice guidance for venues](#)
- Event Platform: [Protocol and toolkit](#)
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM): [Health check form](#)
- Government of the Netherlands: [Traveler Public Health Declaration](#)

General measures in the Netherlands

Translating the general measures in the Netherlands into event industry related practices. To avoid the spread of the virus, please follow the rules below. Measures can vary by country; please note that these are the rules applying when visiting the Netherlands. Please make sure to incorporate any special Covid-19 and health and safety related requirements in your RFP for venues and hotels to adhere to your and your country of origin's specific needs and conditions.

Please note: Wearing face masks is mandatory in public areas.



Important information for organizers and delegates

Information for organizers

- With the latest updates relating to COVID-19, you are strongly advised not to travel to the Netherlands unless it is strictly necessary. However, the borders remain open. If you do travel to the Netherlands, you are advised to self quarantine for ten days. Please note that there are entry restrictions in place depending on your country of origin/departure. In certain circumstances entry restrictions to the Netherlands are being eased. Whether you can travel to the Netherlands depends on your situation. Check here whether your situation allows you to travel to the Netherlands. And if so, what conditions apply. Every visitor must of course comply with all the measures and rules that apply here to combat the spread of coronavirus. This fact sheet is outlining the Netherlands' enforcement of EU travel restrictions [Airline and airport information](#) can be found [here](#).
- Public transport: All passengers are required to wear face masks until further notice.
- Due to the updated regulations on December 14, 2020, events are not allowed until further notice.
- Food safety and measures for groups at restaurants: The protocol for the Hospitality Industry reopening of Koninklijke Horeca Nederland can be found [here](#).
- Special venues: museums and special event venues are also closed. For the latest Information check their websites, or contact [NBTC](#).
- Festivals, concerts are not allowed to take place. Sports/soccer games are not allowed to have visitors.

Information for delegates

- Please also see general visitor guidelines of [NBTC](#)
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- At this time many governments still do not allow their citizens to travel abroad for non-essential travel. Please check your government guidelines and travel warnings prior to flight booking and event registration.
- Airline and airport information can be found [here](#).
- Public transport: all passengers are required to wear face masks until further notice. Travel by yourself and avoid rush hours. More details can be found in the general visitor guidelines of NBTC.
- For events that are exempted from the Covid-19 restrictions: Always register in advance for your event; without advance registration participation is not possible. Select a time slot (if applicable) upon registration.
- Prepare yourself for participation; download event apps and review all protocols, guidelines and conference materials.
- Do not attend in the event of mild health issues/symptoms, and/or if household members have fever symptoms.
- When at the event observe all health and safety measures and follow updates on digital screens and conference apps.
- Wash and disinfect your hands upon arrival, during and at departure.
- Observe the social distancing guidelines, including 1.5 meters distance and routing.
- Limit your attendance to the pre-selected time slot(s).

Specific measures implemented by venue and hotel partners of NBTC

Venues in the Netherlands must follow the general measures published by the Government of the Netherlands and RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) as described in this document. Events will be designed and organized based upon these measures. Please make sure to incorporate any special Covid-19 and health and safety related requirements in your RFP for the venues and hotels to adhere to your needs and conditions.

Hotels and hotel chains in the Netherlands have implemented cleanliness protocols and measures, also based on the general guidelines. In addition, many hotel chains developed their own cleanliness program, and several hotels offer creative concepts to properly deal with the Covid-19 Reopening situation.

For more information on meeting in the Netherlands and the strategic partners of NBTC please follow this [link](#).