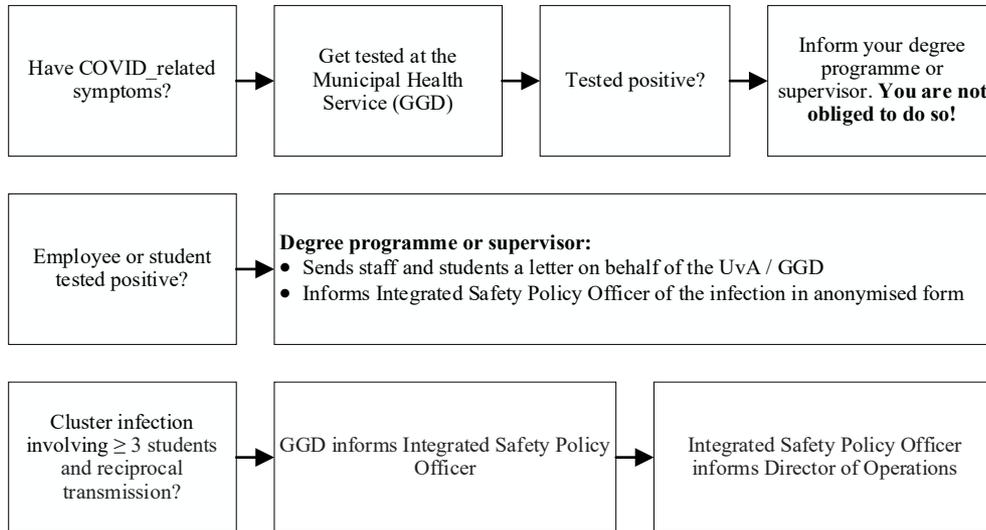


Protocol for dealing with COVID infection

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GGD contact tracing takes precedence

Staff and students with (mild) COVID symptoms¹ can get tested at the Municipal Health Service (GGD). In the event of a positive result, the GGD will carry out a source and contact investigation. The employee or student must follow the instructions of the GGD. For the UvA, this means that employees and students can rely on being informed by or on behalf of the GGD if they have been at risk of infection at the UvA.

Should you report an infection yourself or not?

It is not compulsory to report a COVID infection. In the interests of a safe work and study environment at the UvA, however, we do appreciate people reporting this to their manager or degree programme (via the student adviser, for example). It is important to bear in mind that we do not record any personal data and will not specifically ask staff or students whether they are infected with COVID-19, for privacy reasons.

Informing staff and students

The GGD has drawn up a letter in Dutch and English (see appendices) which can be used by the degree programme or manager to inform staff and students if they have been in the vicinity of someone infected with COVID. This includes those who have been in contact with the infected person from two days prior to the emergence of symptoms or positive test result. The letter should be sent to the entire group or to all colleagues at risk, including the infected persons themselves. It should never be possible to identify the infected person from the information included in the letter. The aim of the letter is to let staff and students know what this means for them and to whom they can put any questions they may have about COVID-19.

¹ These include the following symptoms: cold symptoms (blocked nose, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat); raised temperature (above 38°C) or fever; coughing or shortness of breath; sudden loss of smell or taste (without a blocked nose).

Informing Policy Officer Integrated Safety

After obtaining the consent of the employee or student, the degree programme or manager should report the COVID infection to Karin Walstra (Policy Officer Integrated Safety) in anonymised form by sending an e-mail to c.j.timmermans@uva.nl or by calling +31 (0)6 4282 5087. The purpose of this report is to keep track of the number of infections.

Cluster infection and reciprocal transmission

It has been agreed with the GGD that the UvA will be informed in the event of a cluster of three or more positive results, and in the event of reciprocal transmission between students and/or employees who also attended or gave lectures on campus during the contagious period. The contact person for this is Karin Walstra. She will update the Director of Operations of the faculty or service concerned.

If several infections are reported in a single group/lecture, it may be decided to cancel on-campus teaching for a specific period of time. This procedure is separate from the regular source and contact investigation carried out by the GGD. This measure is to prevent parts of the UvA from being closed by order of the GGD based on the current source measures.

Up-to-date information on COVID-19 and the guidelines can be found on the website of the [Dutch government](#) and at [UvA.nl/corona](https://uva.nl/corona).

Appendix: Letter to inform staff and students in Dutch

Beste,

Je krijgt deze brief omdat je tijdens college of in de bibliotheek in de buurt kan zijn geweest bij iemand die corona heeft. We begrijpen dat deze mededeling vragen kan oproepen.

Veilig studeren

We proberen besmettingen zoveel mogelijk te voorkomen en doen er alles aan om ervoor te zorgen dat je veilig kunt studeren op de UvA. Het is vervelend dat je toch in de buurt kan zijn geweest bij iemand die positief getest is. Daarom vragen we je aandacht voor de informatie in deze brief. Zo help je voorkomen dat de mensen om jou heen besmet kunnen raken.

Wat betekent dit voor jou?

Als je geen klachten hebt mag je naar de universiteit komen en deelnemen aan groepsactiviteiten, zoals sporten. Houd jouw gezondheid de komende 10 dagen extra goed in de gaten. Mocht je gesproken hebben met de GGD in het kader van bron- en contactonderzoek, dan zijn de adviezen vanuit de GGD altijd leidend.

Krijg je wel klachten die bij corona passen zoals:

- verkoudheidsklachten: neusverkoudheid, loopneus, niezen, keelpijn
- hoesten
- benauwdheid of kortademigheid
- verhoging of koorts
- plotseling verlies van reuk en/of smaak

Maak dan meteen een testafspraak bij de GGD via 0800-1202 of coronatest.nl. Gebruik bij klachten niet een zelftest, maar laat je altijd testen bij de GGD. Totdat de testuitslag bekend is, blijf je thuis en heb je geen contact met mensen buiten het huishouden.

Vaccinaties en zelftesten

Vaccinaties en zelftesten dragen bij aan een veilige campus en versoepelingen van de maatregelen. We moedigen iedereen aan zich te laten vaccineren (behalve als je hiertoe niet in staat bent vanwege medische redenen) en vragen je twee keer per week een zelftest te doen. Bestel je zelftest via zelftestonderwijs.nl

Heb je vragen?

Heb je nog vragen over het coronavirus of twijfel je over je klachten, bel dan met de GGD in jouw regio.

GGD Amsterdam: 020-55 55 202. Of kijk uva.nl/corona.

Appendix: Letter to inform staff and students in English

Dear,

You are receiving this letter because during a lecture or in the library, you may have been close to someone who has coronavirus. We understand that this notification may raise various questions.

Studying safely

We try to prevent infections as much as possible and do everything we can to ensure that you can study safely at the UvA. We understand that it is frustrating and disappointing to learn that you may have been close to someone who tested positive, despite our best efforts. We would therefore ask you to pay attention to the information in this letter. That way, you can help to prevent the people around you from becoming infected.

What does this mean for you?

If you have no symptoms, you can come to the university and participate in group activities such as sports. Keep an extra close eye on your health for the next 10 days. If you have spoken to the GGD within the context of a source and contact investigation, the advice of the GGD always takes precedence.

If you develop symptoms that could indicate coronavirus, such as:

- cold symptoms: blocked nose, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat
- cough
- tightness in the chest or shortness of breath
- increase in temperature or fever
- sudden loss of smell and/or taste

Immediately make an appointment for a test at the GGD by calling 0800-1202 or visiting coronatest.nl. If you develop symptoms, do not carry out a self-test; always get tested at the GGD instead. Until the test results are known, stay at home and do not come into contact with people outside the household.

Vaccinations and self-testing

Vaccinations and self-testing contribute to a safe campus and the relaxation of the measures. We would encourage everyone to get vaccinated (unless you are unable to do so for medical reasons) and ask you to carry out a self-test twice a week. Order your self-testing kit via zelftestonderwijs.nl.

Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions about the coronavirus or if you are unsure about your symptoms, call the GGD in your area.

GGD Amsterdam: 020 55 55 202. Or consult uva.nl/corona