

## IPS Hilversum - protocol for the start of school year 2020-2021:

This protocol is a subsequent version of the protocol for the full opening of the primary education. This new version includes some enhancements and clarifications based on the Cabinet decision of 24 June 2020. This decision also includes a number of amendments for primary education that will apply from 1 July 2020. We would like to mention that schools can, for practical reasons, choose to make any amendments at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

The protocol has been drawn up by PO Council, AOb, CNV Education, FvOv, and AVS, in consultation with Parents & Education, the Teachers' Collective, Boink, BMK, BK, For Working Parents, OCW and SZW. This protocol is based on further advice from the relevant authorities.

The protocol serves as a guide for the sector in fully opening the schools.

The cabinet decision to open the primary schools in full is leading:

From 8 June all pupils returned to school, with due observance of the RIVM regulations.

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The following rules apply:

1. All students go to school entirely.
2. It is not necessary to keep a 1.5 metre distance between students.
3. 1.5 metres distance should be kept between all adults.
4. The school ensures that students wash their hands regularly.
5. After school, everyone immediately goes home or to the after school care organisation.

In addition, the hygiene measures of RIVM remain in force - it is important that they are observed.

This includes:

- Good notification and monitoring of infections;
- The strict application of triage when parents / guardians and other adults enter the school (for more information, see: [rivm.nl/documenten/triage-bezoekers](https://rivm.nl/documenten/triage-bezoekers));
- The strict application of the other hygiene measures.

The School Council is involved in the implementation of this protocol on the basis of the WMS, in which the deadlines for consultation are reasonably filled in, in such a way that decisions can be made quickly.

### General RIVM guideline

#### Security risks

Schools use the RIVM guideline: [ici.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19](https://ici.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19).

Specifically, the following measures are in effect:

- It is not necessary to keep a 1.5 metre distance between students.
- A 1.5 metres distance should be maintained between all adults.
  
- Schools report to the GGD when there are 3 or more students with symptoms per group (see Chapter IV).

#### Physical contact

- Adults keep 1.5 metres apart.
- Everyone washes their hands well and several times a day for at least 20 seconds.
- No handshaking.
- Coughing / sneezing into the elbow.
- Avoid touching your face.

### Hygiene measures

Schools ensure that the general hygiene regulations of the RIVM are observed as much as possible: [rivm.nl/hygiene-guidelines / primary schools](https://www.rivm.nl/hygiene-guidelines/primary-schools).

Think about:

- Hand washing with soap and water: before school opens, before the pause, after the pause, after toilet
- Use of paper towels.
- Clean surfaces with soap and water - One or more members of staff must be responsible for the implementation of these hygiene measures.

Specifically, the following measures are in effect:

- Schools ensure that the general hygiene regulations of the RIVM are observed as much as possible.
- Staff members do not wear personal items protective equipment. If an individual staff member still needs personal protective equipment this can be discussed. This is not necessary for safety reasons.

### Hygiene control - teaching aids

Learning materials, toys, play materials, devices and workplaces should be cleaned regularly when used by several students with soap and water. Also, materials used regularly by multiple teachers are regularly cleaned with soap and water.

For electronics: use surface sprays for electronics.

### Cleaning

Daily intensive cleaning by cleaning professionals. The emphasis is on contact points and toilet controls.

Trashcans should be emptied daily.

*Notes: Hand disinfection for children is only effective if used correctly, so under supervision. When it is possible in any way, having children wash their hands is a strong preference and policies should focus on that. There is a health risk due to the presence of disinfectant products. If regular hand washing is not possible, hand disinfection would only be necessary with supervision in the organisation.*

*Surface disinfection has no added-value compared to cleaning with soap and water. In addition, the presence of these substances are a health risk in classrooms.*

*RIVM advises not to use surface disinfection in schools*

### Presence of students at school and lessons

- All students attend school full-time. It is not necessary to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between students.

- For group activities such as school trips, school camps:

The general guidelines apply to celebrations, musicals and excursions from the government regarding meetings outside the regular lessons. The consideration of whether or not to organize group activities is made at school or board level within the guidelines of the RIVM.

- The following applies specifically to music education: singing and use of wind instruments is for students in primary education is permitted.
- For physical education, see link: [kvlo.nl/hulp-en-advies/Education](https://www.kvlo.nl/hulp-en-advies/Education).

### Presence in the school from parent (s) / caregiver (s), volunteers, interns and (external) professionals

With the strict application of triage, the presence in the school of parent (s) / caregiver (s), volunteers, interns and (external) professionals is allowed. At all times, adults keep 1.5 metre distance from each other and strictly apply the hygiene rules.

### Parent conversations

Parent conversations can take place in the school with strict applying of triage and the 1.5 m distance.

### Schoolyard

The 1.5 metres distance between adults also applies in the playgrounds.

### Walking routes in and around the school

The school uses walking routes.

### Entry, collection and walking routes through school

To ensure sufficient distance between adults, schools can choose to work with staggered drop-off & collection times or use the schoolyard (in part) to spread out the adults. After school, everyone immediately goes home or to the BSO.

### Student transport

The municipality organizes student transport for the children in the primary education in the regular way. The umbrella organization for the Corporate passenger transport has its own corona protocol.

For more information on taxi transport: [taxipro.nl/contract-transport/2020/04/25/protocol-student-transport-none-distance-of-mouth-caps-necessary](https://taxipro.nl/contract-transport/2020/04/25/protocol-student-transport-none-distance-of-mouth-caps-necessary)

### Medical actions

Medical actions are possible without extra personal protective equipment. If one individual staff member still needs personal protective equipment, this can be discussed. From safety considerations they are not necessary. When intensive medical or nursing care in the regular and special primary education must be carried out in which normally involves wearing gloves, it is advised to continue this. Additional resources, such as face masks, are not required.

### Attendance policy

- When a staff member develops complaints during the day as mentioned in paragraph 4, the staff member goes home.
- When a student develops complaints such as mentioned in paragraph 3, the student goes home, this does not apply to students in Early Years and group 2 with a cold without fever.
- If the student has a fever and / or shortness of breath siblings are informed about this and also home. The student does not go to the BSO.
- Do not use temperature measurement as an indicator. Without exception a student or staff member must go home with complaints. A temperature measurement when in doubt can provide confusion. Specifically, the following measure applies:
  - When a student falls ill, they are immediately collected by a parent / caregiver.

### Staying at home rules - health students

The school applies the RIVM advice and guidelines for education. See: [lci.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19#index\\_Ziekte--Contagiousness](https://lci.rivm.nl/richtlijnen/covid-19#index_Ziekte--Contagiousness).

Pupils in Early Years and group 2 of primary school with a common cold can go to school, **except**:

- if the child also has a fever
  - children have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 infected person and have been informed of this by the GGD.
  - an adult in the child's family has complaints that may point to the new coronavirus (see [rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19](https://rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19)).
- Then the child must stay at home and it is important to test the child.

For students from group 3 and higher, they stay at home:

- with colds or other complaints that indicate COVID-19 (colds, runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, mild cough, higher temperature or fever and / or sudden loss of smell or taste);
- the child has an adult family member with matching COVID-19 (fever and / or shortness of breath).

For more information see: [lci.rivm.nl/langdurig-neusverkouden-children](https://lci.rivm.nl/langdurig-neusverkouden-children).

When a student has tested positive for corona, they must stay at home and recover for at least 7 days. The student may only return to school and childcare if they do not have any symptoms 24 hours after these 7 days. For more information about staying at home, see: [lci.rivm.nl/lip-rules](https://lci.rivm.nl/lip-rules).

- If someone in the student's household has a fever above 38 ° C and / or has shortness of breath, the student also stays at home.
- If everyone in the household has no complaints for 24 hours, the student can go back to school and daycare.

- If someone in the student's household has been tested for COVID-19 and has a positive result, the student must wait until that person is free of complaints for 24 hours and then 14 days after the last contact with that person. See: [lci.rivm.nl/informatiebriefhuisgenootthuis](https://lci.rivm.nl/informatiebriefhuisgenootthuis).
- With an unusual number of students with complaints (from 3 pupils per group), the school contacts the GGD. Specifically, the following measures are in effect:
  - Anyone with one or more of the above complaints can get tested. For instructions, see also [rijksoverheid.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/testing](https://rijksoverheid.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/testing)
  - Students with complaints are tested by the GGD if possible with the permission of parent (s) / caregiver (s), according to the national testing policy and established principles.
  - Students belonging to an identified risk group can become exempted from physical education (decision of parent (s) / caregiver (s) in consultation with the school and the treating physician).
  - Students whose family members belong to one risk group are exempted from physical education (decision of parent (s) / caregiver (s) in consultation with the school and the treating physician).

*Notes: Not every school uses the concept of group 3, it means all students from the third year onwards.*

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*This protocol was drafted in August 2020 by IPS Hilversum school management based upon the information known and received at that time. The situation will always dictate which measures the school is required to take. Information detailing how the measures will directly affect staff, children and parents will be published at the start of the school year and whenever necessary.*

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