

## **Update for events in the Netherlands | End of social distancing measure and mandatory quarantine**

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An important announcement was made by the Dutch government this Tuesday. As of Saturday 25 September, a further relaxation of Covid measures will take place, including the elimination of the social distancing measure. As of Wednesday 22 September, fully vaccinated travellers coming out of very high-risk areas are exempt from the mandatory quarantine (EU approved vaccines only, see requirements for travelling to the Netherlands below).

As stated by the government, the increase of vaccinations (more than 23 million injections to date) and stable amount of positive tests and Covid patients in hospitals, make this next step possible.

### **As of 25 September, the following relevant measures apply for events in the Netherlands**

- The EU Digital Covid Certificate (DCC) is used to gain entry to an event. This means a person is either fully vaccinated, has a valid negative Covid test or valid proof of recovery
- A health check (triage) is performed to gain entry to an event
- At locations and/or events without fixed seating, the visitor capacity is maximised at 75%
- At locations and/or events where fixed seating applies, the full visitor capacity can be used. This also applies for open air events with or without fixed seating
- Events which last more than one day are allowed, provided the DCC is re-checked daily

### *Additional measures of interest*

- At all restaurants and cafes, the DCC is used to gain entry. The mandatory closing time between 00.00 and 06.00 am continues to apply as well as a mandatory registration and health check

### **Requirements for travelling to the Netherlands**

As of 1 July the DCC is effective for travelling within Europe. EU citizens who are fully vaccinated can obtain a DCC and use it to enter the Netherlands. Citizens who do not have a DCC and/or are a resident of a country outside the EU and the Schengen area, can enter the Netherlands using an EU approved paper [proof of vaccination](#) and [vaccine declaration form](#).

Please note that all travellers entering the Netherlands from a (very) high-risk area outside the EU / Schengen, also require a [health](#) and [quarantine declaration form](#), stating that an exception applies when fully vaccinated (exemption from mandatory quarantine as of 22 September), as well as either a negative PCR test result (less than 48 hours before departure) or a negative antigen test result (less than 24 hours before). Fully vaccinated travellers were already exempt from the travel ban.

More information concerning general health measures in the Netherlands, including the exemption for travelling to the Netherlands from a very high-risk area can be found [here](#). Please contact us if additional information is required.

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol is continuously increasing their operations. An update of all destinations and frequencies can be found on [their website](#).

Needless to say, we welcome the further relaxation of measures for the entire industry. Relevant events in the Netherlands are made accessible again for all visitors. All necessary precautions to ensure a safe and responsible event for all attendees are maintained at the RAI, in accordance with our organisers. We will keep a keen eye on the developments and look forward to hosting fantastic events with you soon.

**See you in Amsterdam!**