



Verbrugge Situation update Covid-19 contingency

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Introduction

The spread of Covid-19 through EUROPE has a big impact on the daily lives of all of us.

It is also severely impacting logistics chains.

Verbrugge is working hard to mitigate the impact and to secure the continuity of our company and your logistic flows.

An essential part in this crisis is the availability of information.

We will give daily information updates to our customers and partners, which will also be available online.

Disclaimer

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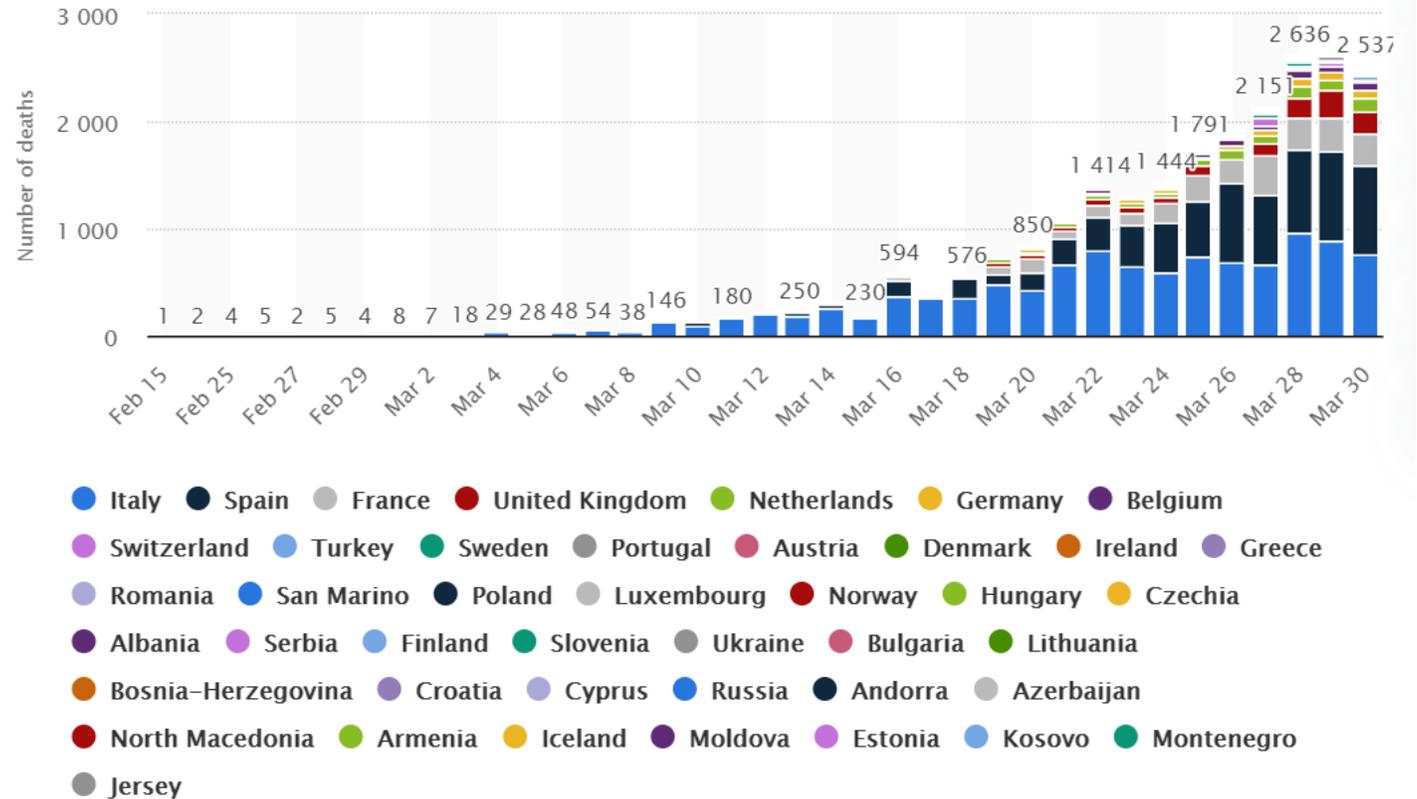


Situation in EUROPE

The last 24 hours 2.537 Europeans were reported as died from Corona.

In total until March 30 there are more than 23.000 deaths from Corona in Europe.

Number of CORONAVIRUS DEATHS in EUROPE 2020, by Country and date



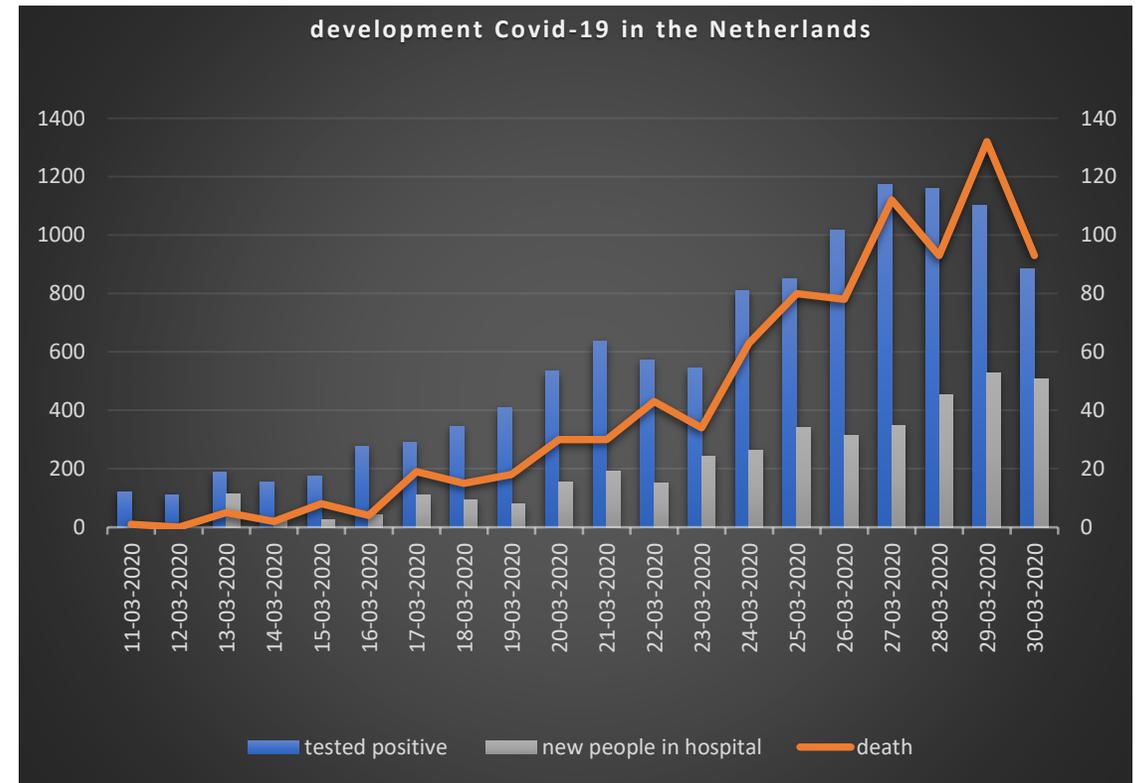
Situation in the Netherlands

In the graph on this page we added the nr. of people which are taken into hospital on a daily basis. (in grey)
This should be a good indicator of the development of the epidemic.

Our National Health Service is still positive about the developments. But a lot is depending on how the numbers will develop during the course of this week. Will we see a flattening of the curve or will numbers to keep on growing?

All eyes in our country are towards the intensive care departments of the hospitals. Will they be able to create sufficient capacity to handle the peak? A lot is done to make it happen.

At this moment they have 1.100 beds available. Expectation is we will need 2.400 IC-beds in one week from now.



General situation Verbrugge

- Situation is stable. For this week we foresee sufficient capacity to deal with the incoming / outgoing shipments
No delays / congestion to be expected
- So far we have NO proven cases of COVID-19 within our company.
In our part of the Netherlands (Zeeland) the spread of the virus is much lower compared to the south-east and central part of the country.
- Operations are running as usual. The biggest impact we see on the containerside. Due to limited availability of empty containers we see a slowdown in outbound containerloads.

of people tested positive VT: 0 %

operational capacity Vlissingen: 80 %

operational capacity Terneuzen: 67 %



Situation at our terminals

Operations:

Operations continue to be executed.

Waterside:

Vessel operations are continued.

Truckloading:

Trucks are being loaded as scheduled.

Barges / Trains:

Loading activities are executed as scheduled.



Distribution truck

Remark:

In general we see that trucks can move freely through EUROPE. At this moment we see a lot of movements by truck. Last week we delivered trucks to:
Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, UK, etc..

General:

Many countries decided to lift their (weekend) bans until further notice. Facilities for drivers (parking, restaurants, fuel stations) are still opened and accessible. Borders of the Schengen zone are closed next 30 days (outside borders EU). However, borders stay open for freight transport, but might lead to longer waiting times at the internal EU borders..

Austria

Please take into account that waiting times can increase significantly. Cross-border controls at Italian border. Driving / rest hours has been smoothed.

Belgium

No specific measures. Driving / rest hours has been smoothed for transports of food, medication / vital goods to shops and pharmacies.

Germany

Intensified border controls everywhere with medical checks (temperature)

France

No restrictions for freight transport, however due to the lock down situation truck drivers face many problems. **Driver must have a document “justificatif de déplacement professionnel” stated by his employer or fill-in the « attestation de déplacement dérogatoire » himself and have with him available.**

Italy

Drivers max. 72 hrs in Italy must be able to show an attest at the border. Trucks still allowed to enter/leave the country. Strict advise first to check with the customer before starting delivery to Italy. Driving bans lifted per 15.03.

Distribution

Coasters / shortsea:

At this moment availability of coasters is good.
Coasters can move freely between ports in Europe.

Barges / river transport:

At this moment availability of barges is good.
Barges can move freely over the rivers and canals in Europe.
Within Netherlands → no obstruction
To Belgium → no obstruction
To Germany → no obstruction
To France → Waterways open. But locks are operated limited time. (12 hrs per day instead of 24 hrs per day) This may lead to longer leadtimes.

Rail transport:

Availability of railcars is good. Suddenly there is a lot of additional demand, for wagons. DB Cargo has made sufficient railcars available to meet the demand. Trains can move freely to the normal destinations

Container transport:

No limitations for moving containers between Verbrugge and the different container terminals.
Availability of containers is bad, due to the lack of traffic between China and Europe.

Other topics

This information is updated on Monday, Wednesday and Friday before 5 PM and available at <https://www.verbruggeinternational.com/en/corona-virus/>

At this website you can also find Verbrugge's Pandemic plan, our Vessel acceptance guidelines and other updates on Covid-19

For more info feel free to contact your Verbrugge representative.

Links

[Verbrugge International COVID-19 Vessel acceptance guidelines](#)

[Verbrugge International COVID-19 3rd parties acceptance guidelines](#)

[Verbrugge International COVID-19 Corona pandemic plan](#)

