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Dear Attendees of the ESCRS 2021 Congress,

We are pleased to provide you with some guidance on how to best to prepare your travel to the Netherlands.

- **FULLY VACCINATED TRAVELERS:**

- Fully vaccinated travelers from countries outside the EU / Schengen, designated as a very high-risk area (including the UK and US), need five things for travelling to the Netherlands as per September 22:

1. **PASSPORT**
2. **HEALTH DECLARATION FORM:** All travelers aged 13 or older who are flying from and to the Netherlands must carry a health declaration. Please click [here](#) for the instructions and documents.
3. **PROOF OF VACCINATION & VACCINE DECLARATION FORM:** There are travel restrictions for travelers from (very) high-risk areas to the Netherlands. However, if a traveler is fully vaccinated, he is exempt from the EU travel ban and welcome in the Netherlands without having to quarantine upon arrival. For the traveler it is important to bring a [proof of vaccination](#) and [vaccine declaration form](#) to the event, so that the traveler can be exempted from the travel restrictions. If a traveler is not (fully) vaccinated, please refer to “Not fully vaccinated travelers” paragraph below.
4. **NEGATIVE COVID TEST:** To enter the Netherlands from a (very) high-risk area, a traveler needs either a negative PCR test result from less than 48 hours before departure or a negative antigen test result from less than 24 hours before.
5. **QUARANTINE DECLARATION FORM:** A traveler needs to complete a [quarantine declaration form](#), which can be printed and must be taken during travelling. The instruction to the traveler is: please tick the box that indicates that you fall into an exemption category. In the exemption category box, the traveler can write “Significant contribution to Dutch economy” and in the supporting document box “[Letter of invitation from a Dutch business](#).” Nothing else is required in section 2 or 3.

- **NOT (FULLY) VACCINATED TRAVELERS:**

- Not (fully) vaccinated travelers from countries outside the EU / Schengen, designated as a very high-risk area (including the UK and US), need six things for travelling to the Netherlands as per September 22:

1. **PASSPORT**
2. **HEALTH DECLARATION FORM:** All travelers aged 13 or older who are flying from and to the Netherlands must carry a health declaration. Please click [here](#) for the instructions and documents.
3. **NEGATIVE COVID TEST:** To enter the Netherlands from a (very) high-risk area, a traveler needs either a negative PCR test result from less than 48 hours before departure or a negative antigen test result from less than 24 hours before.

4. **LETTER OF INVITATION:** There are travel restrictions for not (fully) vaccinated travelers from very high-risk areas to the Netherlands (such as a travel ban and a quarantine obligation). If a traveler is not fully vaccinated, he may qualify for a business travel exemption to these travel restrictions [with a letter of invitation from RAI](#).
5. **DIPLOMATIC NOTE:** To enter the Netherlands on the basis of the business travel exemption, the traveler must have [a diplomatic note issued by a Dutch embassy](#) stating that he falls under an exemption to the entry ban.
6. **QUARANTINE DECLARATION FORM:** A traveler needs to complete a [quarantine declaration form](#), which can be printed and must be taken during travelling. The instruction to the traveler is: please tick the box that indicates that you fall into an exemption category. In the exemption category box, the traveler can write "Significant contribution to Dutch economy" and in the supporting document box ["Letter of invitation from a Dutch business."](#) Nothing else is required in section 2 or 3.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The information on the [website of the Dutch government](#) does not yet reflect the above information. Until September 22 the available information is based on the situation that applies until September 22 - without the relaxations of measures as announced.