

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Ahead of the meeting yesterday with the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport to discuss the potential closure of Dutch schools, the COVID-19 Crisis Team of Allente gathered to prepare for this situation. The government's decision includes the closure of our schools and childcare locations from Monday 16 March until at least Monday 6 April 2020, with an exception for children with parents who fulfill essential roles, like first responders.

Following on the newsletter of Friday 13 March 2020, we would like to inform you about the following developments:

Day-care for children with parents working in crucial professions:

Now that the schools and child care locations closed their doors, we will only provide day-care to children whose parents work in the professions that are mentioned in the list of crucial professions, and are unable to find care for their child in a different manner. These roles are included in the list of crucial professions. In that case they can, as was announced by Minister Slob, bring their child(ren) to their usual day-care locations. However, please note that when your child is suffering from a cold, coughing, a sore throat and/or fever, the same ruling remains and he or she has to stay home. We will need to evaluate the current set-up of groups at the center and/or the feasibility of continuing to operate as we usually do. We might have to make adjustments and we kindly ask you for your understanding.

You can find an overview of all the essential roles below:

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/coronavirus-covid-19/cruciale-beroepsgroepen>

Does your child go to the toddler day-care?

Essentially, all toddler day-care locations will be closed. As above, parents who fulfill essential roles can still use their general day-care location. Also in these instances children cannot be brought to this location if when suffering from a cold, coughing, a sore throat and/or fever. The same ruling remains and he or she has to stay home. We will need to evaluate the current set-up of groups at the center and/or the feasibility of continuing to operate as we usually do. We might have to make adjustments and we kindly ask you for your understanding.

Does your child attend after-school care (BSO)?

If your child is taken care of at his/her school since you, as a parent/guardian fulfill an essential role as mentioned in the governmental list, your child will go to after-school care (BSO) as usual. If you are an employee with one of the essential roles, and you wish to only make use of after-school care (BSO), you can bring your child on his/her care location at the usual time.

To all other parents the guidelines of the government apply. This means that these parents should keep their child(ren) at home.

Financial consequences

We realize that you might have questions regarding the consequences for the costs of the day care and day care allowance. In the following days, practical, executive and administrative matters will be further elaborated out. The Dutch cabinet calls on parents to leave everything for what it is for now, as to maintain contracts and pay invoices.

Allentes COVID-19 Crisis Team will keeping a close eye on the reports coming from the government, and shall inform you as soon as there is more information available.

Konnect

We kindly request you to deregister your child(ren) via Konnect. Utilizing Konnect allows us to organize and plan as best as possible.

If you have any urgent questions regarding these measurements, please contact us via crisisteam@allente.nl.

Our branch organizations shall remain in close and direct consultation with the Secretary of the State Van Ark, to tackle all the issues that are facing us. The Secretary of the State informed us today that she greatly appreciates the efforts of the childcare organizations and all employees! That is a well-earned compliment for everyone in the industry.

We once would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation in this unusual period.

With kind regards, on behalf of the Crisis Team,

Monique Mul
Chair of the Crisis Team

