UPDATE | In the Netherlands, someone has been infected with the coronavirus for the first time. The patient, a 56-year-old man from Loon op Zand has recently been to the Italian region of Lombardy. He is in isolation in a hospital in Tilburg. He would too have celebrated carnival, the GGD is investigating its contacts.

RIVM reported last night that the new corona virus (COVID-19) was diagnosed after laboratory testing. It's about a 56-year-old man in isolation at the Elisabeth TweeSteden Hospital in Tilburg. He has been tested positive for the virus twice. "The GGD (Municipal Health Service) is currently investigating who the man has been in contact with," says the RIVM.

According to various sources, the man still celebrated carnival in his village Loon op Zand. There is a chance that he will have other people infected, if he already had virus complaints at that time. His adult children celebrated carnival in Tilburg, the sources report.

One of the sources reports that it is "a highly valued resident of Loon op Zand." "Let's respect this cool sweetheart family man and his family all stick to the facts and wish him a very quick and good recovery."

The man was already admitted to hospital on Wednesday, a spokesperson said: "The man is being nursed in isolation. In the context of the I cannot say much about the privacy of the patient."

"Things are going well with the Dutch corona patient," says Tilburg mayor Theo Weterings in the TV Jinek program.

Employees of the Elisabeth-TweeSteden Hospital in Tilburg were convened last night. "We are all like us..."
The municipality of Tilburg is not taking any additional measures, says a spokesperson. "Especially much strength desired to the patient and the family," says Mayor Weterings. "We already have faith in the Elisabeth Hospital and the GGD. They are now ready the hit." There is close contact with RIVM and the Ministry of Health, but there is no crisis consultation. "We stop at this keep each other well informed, including by telephone. First and foremost, our care and attention goes out to the patient and his family ", said Weterings.

In its own words, RIVM remains alert to possible new infections and applies the same protocol as there are new infections to be found: isolation, contact investigation and continuous monitoring of the patient.

The Netherlands had been preparing for a corona virus for some time. A protocol has been drawn up and the RIVM has called an Outbreak Management Team (OMT) together. That is a team of scientists and doctors who specialize in infectious diseases.

Since the outbreak of the corona virus, around 60 people have now been tested in the Netherlands. All but one of them turned out not to be infected. There are according to RIVM, four more tests, the results of which still have to come.

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It is important to continue to follow the advice of experts about the corona virus now that the first case of infection is in the Netherlands found. Prime Minister Mark Rutte said that in a first reaction on Twitter. He says he is in close contact with the responsible minister Bruno Bruins, "about, among other things, all the efforts made to prepare our country for this."

Rutte wishes 'the infected man all strength and improvement'.

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