GGDs do not issue COVID-19-free statements

GGDs are regularly asked by employers, travel bureaus and other organizations whether they can issue a COVID-19-free statement (also called a non-COVID-19 statement). GGDs do not issue these types of statements. You cannot contact the national coronavirus test appointment number 0800-1202 for such a statement either.

This article provides more information about what exactly a COVID-19-free statement is, why the GGD does not issue it, and where you can go to get one.

What is a COVID-19-free statement?
A COVID-19-free statement (or a non-COVID-19 statement) is a written statement declaring that a person has been tested for COVID-19 and that the result is negative (i.e., no coronavirus has been found). Some countries require such a statement before entering.

Why doesn't the GGD issue COVID-19-free statements?
The GGD only tests people:

- Who have (mild) symptoms that are compatible with the coronavirus,
- Who have no symptoms but are a housemate of – or in close contact with – someone with the coronavirus, and
- Who have been informed about this by the GGD, the infected person or through the CoronaMelder app.

The GGD does this to prevent the spread of the virus and in the interest of public health. In the case of a positive test result, a source and contact investigation is begun as soon as possible. In the case of a negative test result, no further action is taken (apart from informing the tested person).

This means that the GGD doesn't test people who simply want to travel.

Where can you get a COVID-19-free statement?

A variety of organizations issue COVID-19-free statements. These include travel clinics and vaccination centres. There are costs associated with these tests, which people must pay themselves. The government does not reimburse people for this.

More information
Please visit the following Dutch government websites for more information about the coronavirus and traveling to and from other countries:

- [Q&A's Coronavirus and health](#)
- [Travelling](#)