

City: Amsterdam (NL)

This series of fact sheets only includes measures taken by the above-mentioned city authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various city authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

Contextual information

Territory concerned by measures

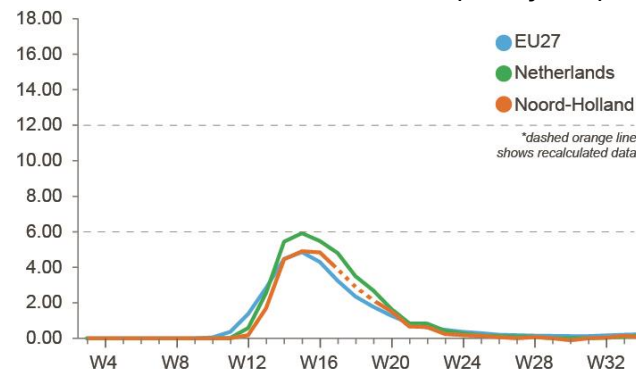
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Amsterdam.

General information¹

Type of territory	City
City population (Greater Amsterdam, 2016)	960 000
FUA population (2016)	2 772 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	Low

*COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants shown at the corresponding NUTS2 level (Noord-Holland).

COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



Policy answers at local level - Measures²

Health security	Date	Perspective ³
• Multiple daily cleaning of trams and metros.	21-Apr	ST
• Free parking space for healthcare workers.	21-Apr	ST
• Putting in place the Healthcare Transfer Point for newcomers, students who want to work in healthcare.	18-Jun	MT/ LT
Daily way of life and work		
• Fast track funding for art projects reaching out citizens digitally.	14-Apr	ST/ MT
• Financial support for local arts and culture sector.	14-Apr	MT
• Distribution of 6300 chrome books and 800 wifi-hotspots among schools.	21-Apr	MT/ LT
• The platform wijamsterdam connecting community initiatives.	21-Apr	MT
• City's Plan for the Arts – arts and culture relieve package.	8-May	MT
• Spreading the working hours in order to avoid congestion in public transportation system.	24-Sep	ST
• Additional investments in public transport for rush hour avoidance.	28-Sep	MT/ LT
Support to vulnerable populations		
• Helpline for vulnerable people	21-Apr	ST/ MT
• Support for homeless people (food, shelter, etc.)	21-Apr	ST
• Daycare for children in vulnerable families	21-Apr	ST
• Hotel and hostel rooms for vulnerable families	21-Apr	ST
• Laptops for vulnerable people	21-Apr	MT/ LT
• Online solidarity platform	---	ST/ MT
• Multilingual support regarding COVID-19	---	ST/ MT
• Special help for sex workers.	---	ST/ MT
• Campaign on the prevention of domestic violence.	---	MT
Support to economic actors & recovery		

• Support for contract partners or beneficiaries – payment continuity, despite the reaching or not of the target	21-Apr	ST/ MT
• Startupin Residence – program for the recovery phase on smart mobility, circular economy and digital city.	21-Apr	MT/ LT
• Creation of Invest-MRA a regional vehicle for boosting investment in sustainable economic development.	30-Sep	MT/ LT
• Farmers & neighbors – a initiative where people collectively buy from a local farmer.	---	ST/ MT
• Reduction of interest fees on tax collection.	---	ST
• Support for taxi drivers, suspension of the costs of licenses, suspension of the costs of taxi parking spaces.	---	ST
• Waiver of advertisement taxes, taxes on terraces until 01 July 2020, and of fees for markets until 01 June.	---	ST
• Owners of sport accommodations are exempted from rent payment.	---	ST
• Continuation of salary payment for its temporary workers.	---	ST

Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit
Health security	✓	✓		
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓	✓	
Support to vulnerable populations	✓		✓	
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓			✓

* MRS is a partnership; its decision powers are limited.

¹ Data source: EUROSTAT (*urb_lpop1* and *urb_cpop1*), and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh.).

² Main sources used: Eurocities ; <https://www.amsterdam.nl/> ; www.metropoolregioamsterdam.nl ;

³ ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.