

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this email because you are scheduled to arrive at the NATO Special Operations School in the near future, and we wanted to arm you with the most current COVID-19 information. As of now - the COVID-19 risk at SHAPE and in Belgium is currently rated as LOW. To protect this safe and secure learning environment we will rely on our Agency/Organization partners from every Nation to ensure that students are healthy and fit before travelling to NSOS courses. If a student or speaker is ill he or she should not travel.

The SHAPE Chief of Staff has issued an order regarding coronavirus. It states that the following protective measures are necessary for persons who are in or have recently visited (past 14 days) areas where COVID-19 is spreading, therefore if you have travelled to the below regions, or if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and slightly runny nose, do not travel.

In addition, the definition of COVID-19 is fever, coughing and difficulty breathing AND one of the below:

1. Having travelled in the 14 days prior to onset of the symptoms to a country/region with sustained transmission\*:
  - Mainland China
  - South Korea
  - 11 communes in Italy:
    - Codogno
    - Casapusterlengo
    - Castiglione van Adda
    - Maleo
    - Fombio
    - Bertonico
    - Castelgerundo
    - Somaglia
    - San Fiorano
    - Terranova dei Passerini
    - Vo Euganeo)\*

**OR**

2. Having been in physical contact with a person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection in the 14 days prior to onset of the symptoms.

Two documents are linked below for you to review and fill out. These documents can also be found on the NSOS Homepage and inside the NSOS Training Portal Library.

1. COVID-19 SHAPE Advice Information pamphlet: Important information regarding the virus and reporting procedures are contained in this document.

<https://www.nshq.nato.int/nsos/library/?TrainingPortalaction=public:document.downloadFile&contentid=A6FA D395-5056-830F-6D930FEEF648E0FF>

2. COVID-19 survey. You will be required to have this document filled out upon your arrival at campus. We will also have blank forms available for you at check in.

<https://www.nshq.nato.int/nsos/library/?TrainingPortalaction=public:document.downloadFile&contentid=A6E7 FCF8-5056-830F-6DEADE09F83A03A5>

Any student visiting a risk area within the previous 3 weeks, or having been in physical contact with a person with laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 infection in the 14 days prior to onset of the symptoms will not be permitted to stay at NSOS and will be asked to return home. This strict measure is required to protect the student body and NSOS from any potential risk.

Further information about the Coronavirus 2019 can be found at the WHO website:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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We have initiated more stringent hygiene measures to avoid the spread of germs and also have a plan in place in the event of any suspected COVID-19 cases, synchronised with local health guidelines. However you will be our best defence against the risks and we ask you to follow strict protocols to minimise risk by ensuring that students from the listed high risk areas or suffering illness associated with flu like symptoms do not travel to Chievres.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your visit to the campus.