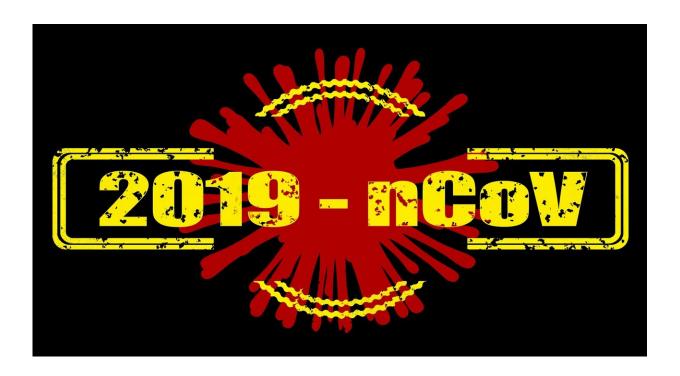# Netherlands confirms first coronavirus death

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 The Netherlands has recorded its first death in the novel coronavirus outbreak, health officials said on Friday.

"An 86-year-old man with COVID-19 who was admitted to the Ikazia hospital in Rotterdam has died," the National Institute for Public Health (RIVM) said.

"This is the first patient in the Netherlands to die of the coronavirus," the

RIVM said, adding that the source of the patient's contamination was unknown.

The number of novel coronavirus cases in the world is approaching 100,000 and more than 3,400 have proved fatal.

The Netherlands has seen a jump in cases from 82 to 128 over the last two days.

"The man was isolated as soon as it became clear that he had COVID-19," the RIVM said.

Everyone who had contact with the patient—including visitors and health workers—is being questioned about their health, the institute said.

"All those in contact with the patient who are suffering from a cold or have a fever have been asked to remain at home. If necessary, they will be tested," the RIVM added.

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