
ICF COVID-19 protocol Quick guide – May 2022

This document is a quick summary of the [2022 COVID-19 protocol \(April version\)](#) edited by the ICF Medical and Anti-Doping committee of the ICF. This document can be updated along the season depending on the evolution either of the pandemic or of the local policies in terms of Personal Protective Equipment or any other health and safety measures.

I. RESPONSIBILITY

- The Host Organizing Committee (HOC) respects all the recommendations imposed by local authorities and appoints a COVID-19 Manager in its workforce
- The national federations (NF) are responsible of their own risk assessment and for all costs associated with Covid-19 testing. They appoint a COVID-19 Manager in their workforce.
- The NF Covid-19 Manager is responsible for ensuring that all team personnel have read the Health Check forms (appendix 2 of the 2022 COVID-19 protocol) and abided by their contents, prior to signing the COVID-19 Consent Form (given by the HOC).
- The ICF does not accept any responsibility for COVID-19 infection that occurs before, during or after the competition. The ICF appoints a COVID-19 Manager in its workforce.

II. TRUST

- To be accredited in a competition a person is required to:
 - Have had a negative Covid test within the 24 hours prior to entering the venue (no evidence is needed to be accredited)
 - Accept to follow the 2022 ICF COVID-19 protocol guide (symptoms tracking and participant instructions)
- Acceptance of these principles are recorded by the host organizing committee which collect either a Personal Health Check Information Form (for ITO and HOC staff) or a COVID19 Consent Form (for NF)

III. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY MEASURES

During travel time and at the competition venue, participants must:

- Wear a mask indoors and in crowded places
- Frequently ventilate indoor spaces
- Avoid close contacts such as handshakes and hugging (e.g., award ceremony)
- Wash hands regularly and sanitise contact points (e.g., door handles, keyboards)

IV. LOCAL TESTING CAPACITIES

- The host organising committee must provide a rapid and efficient antigen testing process to manage cases of suspicion or positive tests
- HOC and ICF COVID Manager in regular contact with a member of the ICF Medical Committee

V. PROCESS FOR A POSITIVE TEST OR SUSPICION:

- Immediate isolation and testing for the whole team and for all close contacts¹
- Case report to the HOC COVID-19 and the ICF COVID managers. Assessment of needed actions with local health authorities & ICF medical committee representative.
- All close contacts must be tested and if negative, athlete/staff/organizer can compete or work but will be restricted to minimal movements
- If a further positive case occurs outside of the index case close contact in one team or group, the whole team/group may need to be isolated and quarantined until results of further rapid antigen testing are known
- All expenses for isolation or needed quarantine must be paid by the concerned entity

VI. VACCINATION

- The ICF recommends to all people to be vaccinated as soon as possible.
- However, the vaccination will not remove any ICF countermeasures. There is no guarantee that vaccination eliminates virus transmission

¹ Close contact definition:

Close contacts are persons who have prolonged contact (for 15 minutes or more) with a person who has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test, within one metre, without wearing a face mask. This is particularly applicable when such contact happens in enclosed spaces such as hotel rooms or vehicles.