

# **2022 ICF COVID-19 PROTOCOL**

*Principles & summary presentation*

The 2022 COVID-19 protocol is based on the 2021 and 2020 versions but with reduced measures (e.g. no proof of negative test required on entry, masks indoors only).

- Accredited people are responsible for personal testing prior to the event
- Early warning system
- Coordination with local health authorities
- Regular review of the protocols

- NF are responsible for their own risk assessment and for all costs associated with Covid-19 testing. They should appoint a COVID-19 Manager to their workforce
- The Covid-19 Manager is responsible for ensuring that all team personnel have read the Health Check Information form and will abide by its content. The NF COVID manager is responsible for signing the COVID-19 Consent Form on behalf of the whole team (athletes and staff)
- The ICF does not accept any responsibility for COVID-19 infection that occurs before, during or after the competition
- HOC respects all the recommendations imposed by local authorities and appoints a COVID-19 Manager to its workforce

- Each accredited person in the competition 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 (symptom 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) or a COVID19 Consent Form (for NF)

- 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 eg door handles, keyboards

- **When ?**
  - At any time ICF can decide to launch a series of tests in case of suspicion and / or positive test
- **Who needs to be tested ?**
  - Anyone with Covid symptoms
  - Anybody in close contact with the positive person
  - All team members if a second person tests positive

**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.

- **Test and analysis management:**
  - HOCs to define their test management in coordination with the local health authorities, as required
  - To be activated by the ICF
  - COVID Manager from the ICF in regular contact with a member of the ICF Medical Committee
- **Which kind of test ?**
  - Rapid antigen test for the affected person/s. If positive, no confirmatory PCR is required
  - Rapid antigen tests for close contacts as defined in the Covid-19 protocol

### In case of a positive test or suspicion of infection :

- NFs members:
  - One case in a team, immediate isolation and Rapid Antigen testing for all close contacts.
  - Assessment of actions needed with local health authorities & ICF medical committee representative.
  - All close contacts must be tested and if negative, athletes can compete but will be restricted to minimal movements (special bubble for contact people with negative tests)
  - If a further positive case occurs outside of the index case close contact in one team, the whole team may need to be isolated and quarantined until results of further rapid antigen testing are known.
- Other people from ICF, HOC, ITOs, Media, security, volunteers:
  - Immediate isolation and testing for all contact people.
  - Assessment of actions required with local health authorities & ICF medical committee representative. If negative result, they can operate but will be restricted to minimal movements.
- All expenses for isolation or needed quarantine must be paid by the concerned entity.

- The ICF recommends that all people are fully vaccinated
- However, vaccination will not remove any ICF countermeasures. There is no guarantee that vaccination eliminates virus transmission or subsequent infection.

**THE END**