



COVID-19 Medical Precaution Plan Egypt 2021

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For those athletes that cannot get the D-dimer test ordered, is it acceptable to complete their pre-participation clearance and COVID-19 clearance without that test?

Yes, in such a case, the National Federation concerned shall submit an official confirmation to medical.egypt2021@ihf-online.info, stating that all players have undergone a pre-competition medical assessment and are in good health to compete at the World Championship.

In view of qualification matches for the Men's EHF EURO 2022 taking place a few days prior to the World Championship, some teams might be subject to quarantine rules of the respective hosting country in case any delegation member tests positive, which would eventually affect the participation of the team concerned in the World Championship. What will apply in such cases?

We urge all National Federations to consider possible situations in this regard in advance. The entry regulations of the Arab Republic of Egypt as well as the state regulations of any country in which a National Federation is playing any matches cannot be changed.

All stakeholders must provide a negative PCR test carried out within 72 hours before arrival to Egypt. What will apply in case a stakeholder travelling on a long-distance flight is arriving to Egypt slightly later than 72 hours?

According to a decision of the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, the period of carrying out the PCR test prior to arrival to Egypt will be extended for those stakeholders involved in the World Championship who are travelling to Egypt on a long-distance flight and might not be able to arrive to Egypt within the required 72 hours. This applies for stakeholders travelling from countries such as ARG, BRA, CHI, JPN, KOR, URU and USA.



Will exceptions be made in case a stakeholder continues to test positive even after full recovery (in terms of entering Egypt and/or returning to the bubble or home)?

As decided by the Egyptian government, upon arrival to Egypt, every person entering the country is required to provide a negative PCR test carried out within 72 hours before the arrival date. No exceptions will be made.

In case of an infection during the event, a stakeholder may only return to the bubble after two negative PCR tests within 72 hours have been issued. No exceptions will be made.

Any team willing to transfer an infected delegation member to their country of residence before the member's full recovery, e.g. by private plane, has the right to make corresponding arrangements at their National Federation's own expense at any time, provided that the respective airline, if applicable, and the responsible authorities of the country of residence agree to such procedure.

Do the teams have to wait for the PCR test results at the hotel on the arrival day before going to training?

Yes, the teams have to wait for the PCR test results at the hotel on the arrival day (available within two hours) before going to training.

Are stakeholders free to select the doctor or hospital in case of an infection? Please provide more information about the hospitals in Egypt that should/must be used in case of an infection as well as the treatments and conditions of the stay. Will communication and information exchange between OC/hospital doctors and the team doctors be in place?



The following hospital in Egypt shall be used in case of a COVID-19 infection and/or injury of any stakeholder involved in the World Championship:

Wadi El-Neel Hospital Cairo
AZ Zaytoun Al Qebleyah, Zeitoun, Cairo Governorate, Egypt
Phone: +20 2 24562700
<https://www.wadielneelhospital.com/>

The following hotels in Egypt shall be used in case of an injury of any stakeholder involved in the World Championship:

Dar Al Fouad Hospital
26 July Street, The Touristic Zone, 6th of October City, Giza 12568 Egypt
Phone: +202-3824 7248
http://www.daralfouad.org/_best-hospital-in-egypt-vision

International Medical Center Clinic
Km 42, Cairo Ism. Desert Rd., Cairo Near To El Sherouk City, Gate 2 Cairo, Egypt
Phone: +20 224 775 902
<http://www.imc.org.eg/imc/ContactIMC.aspx>



Mabaret Al-Asafra West Hospital
Medan Elkelo 21, Coastal road, Alexandria Governorate, Egypt
Phone: +2033190099
<https://mabaret-alasafra.com/en/home/Home>

In all cases (infection, injury, etc.), the hospital doctor, the respective COVID-19 officer and the team doctor, if applicable, will be in constant contact.

Any stakeholder who tested positive must inform the respective COVID-19 officer about his/her direct contact persons since the last negative PCR test. How can these direct contacts be documented and verified adequately?

The Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population is developing a mobile application accessible for all stakeholders involved in the World Championship. All test results will be announced through the mobile application. In case of an infection, all direct contact persons since the last negative PCR test must be reported to the respective COVID-19 officer by the stakeholder concerned.

How will the number of media representatives be restricted to the necessary minimum, taking into consideration that a high number of media representatives is to be expected?

Until now the IHF has received a relatively small number of accreditation requests from media representatives due to the COVID-19 situation. Media representatives are only allowed to enter the bubble zone in the arena if they are within the bubble.



Will Mixed Zones be organised, taking into account that several players consider them a great danger?

Yes, Mixed Zones will be organised, taking into consideration that only media representatives within the bubble are allowed to enter the Mixed Zone.

Are media representatives within the bubble allowed to realise content production for TV stations (e.g. interviews, reports) from the team hotels?

Transferring from one hotel to another within the overall bubble is allowed, provided that the official transportation within the bubble concept will be used (no external contact).

How will the need for an additional room as a studio be solved?

National Federations concerned are kindly requested to address corresponding requests to the Organising Committee directly.

How many people from each team delegation are allowed to enter the arena?

All delegation members are allowed to enter the arena provided that they are within the bubble.

Where are team photographers allowed to move during the matches in order not to leave the bubble?

Team photographers within the bubble are allowed to move freely until the safety zone which will be installed between the bubble zone and the spectator area.



Are media representatives within the bubble allowed to film and take photos during training?

No regular media activities during training shall be allowed.

How can the spreading of aerosols throughout the entire arena, including the bubble zone, be prevented?

All arenas are equipped with state-of-the art ventilation systems. Furthermore, a safety zone will be installed between the bubble zone and the spectator area.

Please provide information about the possibilities of being transported back to the stakeholder's country of residence in case of an infection and hospitalisation in Egypt.

In case of an infection during the World Championship, the Organising Committee and the medical facilities in Egypt will undertake to provide their best services until the stakeholder's full recovery. However, any team willing to transfer an infected delegation member to their country of residence before the member's full recovery, e.g. by private plane, has the right to make corresponding arrangements at their National Federation's own expense at any time, provided that the respective airline, if applicable, and the responsible authorities of the country of residence agree to such procedure.