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World Relays Silesia 2021

Medical Clearance Protocol for Media representatives

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General rules and principles

To be able to host sport events during the actual pandemic situation, the organisers, in agreement with the local government and World Athletics, have decided to design and implement this set of procedures:

- Wearing a mask covering the mouth and the nose is mandatory in all public areas at all time, except for these two situations:
 - o While consuming food or beverages;
 - o For athletes only: once in the track and field stadium, racecourse, warm-up before taking part to the competition, and training areas (mask will have to be worn during transfers between these areas and the hotel).
- The mask suggested for the purpose of these protocols should be preferably surgical masks, N95 masks or FFP-2 type masks, but other types might be accepted. The use of disposable surgical masks, N95 masks or FFP-2 type masks is strongly recommended while travelling. Masks should be disposed on a regular basis according to the type of mask.
- Any interaction, which constitute a significant risk of virus transmission, with an individual who is not accredited or directly involved in the organisation of the event is prohibited at all times.

Different types of vaccines against COVID-19 are available in 2021. Nevertheless, as vaccines availability scheme, duration and nature of the conferred immune protection are unknown, all subjects taking part to this event, regardless of the fact that they have been vaccinated or not, will have to adhere to these procedures with the objective of protecting all other participants and the local community.

The sanitary procedures described in this document, are subject to change according to the local and global COVID-19 pandemic situation.

1. Medical Clearance Protocol

The Medical Clearance Protocol contains two stages.

All International accredited Media and Broadcast staff involved in the World Athletics Relays will have to comply with the Medical Clearance Protocol, Stage 1 and Stage 2.

National Media and Broadcasters (Polish staff) involved in the World Athletics Relays will have to comply with the Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 1.



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1.1 BEFORE TRAVELLING: Medical Clearance Protocol – STAGE 1

Once your Press Accreditation application is approved, and a few days before the event a separate e-mail will be sent to your e-mail address to provide the following information:

- a) COVID-19 Symptoms Self-Report
- b) Medical Information Release agreement
- c) Provide a negative results of a naso/oropharyngeal swab test to detect SARSCoV2 genetic material (Polymerase chain reaction – PCR) performed in the 72 hours prior to departure. Results from blood serological or antigenic tests will NOT be accepted as a part of the Medical Clearance Protocol. The PCR test result must be uploaded to this specific platform.

The cost of this test is under the individual's responsibility.

Once the information is provided, you will receive a confirmation email if all the information and documents have been uploaded correctly.

If there is any issue, you will be contacted by the World Athletics Health & Science Team on the personal email address provided.

1.2 Travel to Poland (airport, railway station, buses, and car)

Everyone must comply with travel regulations in force at the time of the journey and must have enough masks and hand sanitizers for the entire journey duration. Under standard condition a surgical mask should be changed every 4 to 5 hours to keep its protective effect optimal. The purchase of personal protective equipment is under the responsibility of each individual.

Transfers from the Airport to the Official Hotels will take place respecting the sanitary rules in force at the time. Furthermore,

- Vehicles used for transfer will run at 50% of their maximum capacity, to keep social distancing;
- Vehicles will be disinfected before and after each trip;
- Masks must be worn at all times, in buses or shuttles, for the entire duration of the transfer;
- Passengers are requested to use the hand sanitizer provided before entering the buses and shuttles;

Individuals arriving directly to the Official Hotels with their own means of transportation, should inform World Athletics and the LOC about the expected arrival date and time, so that testing procedures can be planned accordingly.

1.3 ARRIVING TO POLAND: Medical Clearance Protocol – STAGE 2:

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) Medical Team in coordination with World Athletics Medical Delegate will organise a naso/oropharyngeal swab test upon arrival to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material (PCR or LAMP) for everyone involved in the event in any capacity.



This test will be organised in a dedicated space where healthcare staff will proceed with the sample collection and will always take place before arriving to the assigned hotel. This space will have a dedicated entry and exit and will allow appropriate social distancing.

Once the test is done, the medical on team on site will inform if you need to wait for results there or you will be able to be transferred to your official accommodation and wait for the results in your own room. The results will be communicated in around 90 minutes by email.

See below the 2 possible scenarios:

a) The test returns negative result:

If the person is still waiting in the Test Centre, he/she will be transferred to the requested hotel and will be able to complete the hotel check-in procedures and collect the accreditation.

If the person is already in his/her room, he/she will be able to collect the accreditation.

b) The swab returns positive result:

If the person is still waiting in the Test Centre, a second nasopharyngeal swab will be taken and sent to a different laboratory for confirmation of the positivity.

If the person is already in his/her room, he/she will need to stay in the rooms, avoiding any contact and the LOC and World Athletics Medical teams will organise a second test and inform of the next steps.

Failure to comply with either STAGE 1 or STAGE 2 of the Medical Clearance Protocol will prevent the person from accreditation and access to any official venue and/or taking part to any competition-related activity.

The cost of the test to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material (PCR or LAMP) onsite will be covered by the LOC. This also includes costs related to confirmatory PCR test (if needed).

1.4 Procedures for individuals staying in the competition location more than 48 hours

In case the duration of stay in the competition location is more than 48 hours, further additional procedures should be implemented.

1.4.1 Re-testing

Regardless of the accredited category, all individuals staying in the competition location more than 48 hours, will need to be re-tested to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material (PCR or LAMP).

Re-testing will be organized on appointment every 48 hours, starting from the test performed upon arrival. Sample collection scheduling will be planned according to the category's schedule and possibly in the evening and provide results by the following morning.

The re-testing will be taken in each individual hotel room and or a specific assigned room in the same hotel where the guest is accommodated. In any case, he/she will need to wait in the room until results will be communicated by email the next morning.

If you receive a positive result, please stay in your room until the LOC and World Athletics Medical teams contact you and inform about the next steps.

1.5 Leaving Silesia

For public health purpose, the following aspects should be considered prior leaving the hosting city:

- Media who, for compliance with their national sanitary rules, should provide a **negative PCR test to enter back in their home country**, must inform the COVID-19 coordination officer, and World Athletics Medical Delegate (if any), when registering on the accreditation system.

Costs for these additional tests will be supported by International and National Media for their respective staff and freelancers.

- All COVID-19 positive cases occurring within ten days following the end of the event should be notified to both the COVID-19 coordination officer and to the World Athletics Medical Delegate (if any). This information will be dealt confidentially and will be used only for both epidemiological and contact tracing purposes.

1.6 Financial liability

The **Medical Clearance Protocol, Stage 1** (paragraph 1.1) is under the full responsibility of:

- International and National Media for their respective staff and freelancers
- Broadcasting companies for the non-World Athletics Productions broadcasting staff

The **Medical Clearance Protocol, Stage 2** (paragraph 1.3) and the Re-testing (paragraph 1.4.1) are under the shared responsibility of the LOC and World Athletics.

The PCR tests conducted to be released from quarantine on a COVID-19 positive subject or a contact subject (see below paragraph 2) must be paid by the person undertaking the test(s).

2. Management of a positive COVID-19 PCR test

According to the Polish Public Health Authority, each person who is tested positive (PCR) for COVID-19 while staying on the Polish territory will have to be isolated for a period of 10 days. The place where this person will be isolated must be approved by the Local Sanitary Authorities. The infected person can decide to remain isolated in a different place than the one managed by the Local Sanitary Authorities at his/her own expenses, but this space needs to be agreed with the Local Sanitary Authorities.

After this period of 10 days the person will be released from isolation, without performing an additional PCR test, if he/she is symptom-free. The person has the possibility to try to shorten the duration of the isolation if he/she can show two consecutive negative PCR test results (own expenses) after agreeing with the World Athletics Medical Delegate and the Local Sanitary Authorities.

All persons who had prolonged and close contact with an infected person (roommate, contact without mask and/or no respect of social distancing) have to be isolated as described above. Determination of the “contact persons” will be done by both the Local Sanitary Authorities and the World Athletics Medical Delegate.



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3. Media Operations on site

3.1 Media Centre and Media Tribune

There will be a seating plan prepared for Media Centre, **respecting social distancing**.
Printing and distribution of **printed materials will be kept at a minimum** to limit risk of indirect contamination.

3.2 Interview possibilities

There will be **only limited possibilities for media to speak with athletes**:

- Pre-Event Official Press Conference and Post-Event Winners Press Conferences
- Mixed Zone

3.2.1 Pre-Event Official Press Conference and Post-Event Medalist Press Conference

Only accredited Media will be allowed to attend.

The Press Conference room will accommodate seated media, respecting social distancing.

Photographers and TV personnel will have a limited possibility to move to get the coverage needed. Selected athletes will attend, schedule to be prepared so one athlete will be present at a time. Each athlete interview will be maximum 10 min.

The head table for the speakers will be 2.5-3 m away from the 1st row of seats. On the head table no extra microphones will be allowed except the one from the audio system. At the back of the room a platform for cameras (broadcasters, live streaming,...) will be in place. TV cameras will get the audio from an audio splitter at the back, where the platform will be. A microphone on a tripod in the middle of the room will be placed (2-3 m away from the seats around it). Media intending to ask questions, should cue one by one in front of the microphone, respecting social distancing.

The Pre-Event Official Press Conference will be live streamed.

One-to-one interviews although not recommended will be planned in advance and in cooperation with World Athletics.

3.2.2 Mixed Zone

A physical distancing of **2 metres will be applied between the interviewer and the athlete**. The interviewer and its assisting staff will have to wear a mask, as the athlete will likely not wear a mask to answer questions.

3.3 Photographers

3.3.1 Photographers Head-On

The positions on the Head-On platform will be preassigned if needed. Photographers can take their positions 30 minutes before the particular session start and they will not be able to leave the position till the end of the session, while they will always have to wear a mask.

3.3.2 Other photo positions (infield, outfield)

Photographers can use the pre-defined photo positions, including the infield positions and outfield level positions behind LED boards or elevated ones. There will be the entrance, people flows and exit points to the positions clearly defined. A detailed map and information about the ceremonies will be presented to photographers during the photo briefing.

4. Broadcasting

4.1 Rights Holding Broadcasters

Broadcasting staff should comply with the health protection procedures outlined in this document. Broadcasting staff is required to limit contact with athletes, team officials, other media, LOC and World Athletics staff, to a strict minimum. Should interaction with the above-mentioned groups occur, broadcasting staff should follow a minimum social distancing of 1.5 metres (2 metres with athletes in mixed zone or post event).

The RHB Staff are permitted to work at the following areas only:

- Pre-Event Official Press Conference
- Media Centre
- Mixed Zone
- Medallists Press Conferences

4.2 Host Broadcaster Compound

The Host Broadcast Compound will solely be accessible by the HB accredited Staff, no RHB Staff can access it and will have to contact the HB Liaison to coordinate the productions.

The Host Broadcast should be supervised by dedicated security personnel provided by the LOC and have dedicated toilets and washroom. Wearing mask is mandatory at all times.

5. Data Protection

The personal information provided to World Athletics and the LOC in accordance to this protocol will be held and managed in accordance to the Medical Clearance Protocol Privacy Policy and/or Event Management System Privacy Policy. These privacy policies will be made available to you at the time of registering on the accreditation system and completing the COVID-19 Symptoms Self-Reporting information