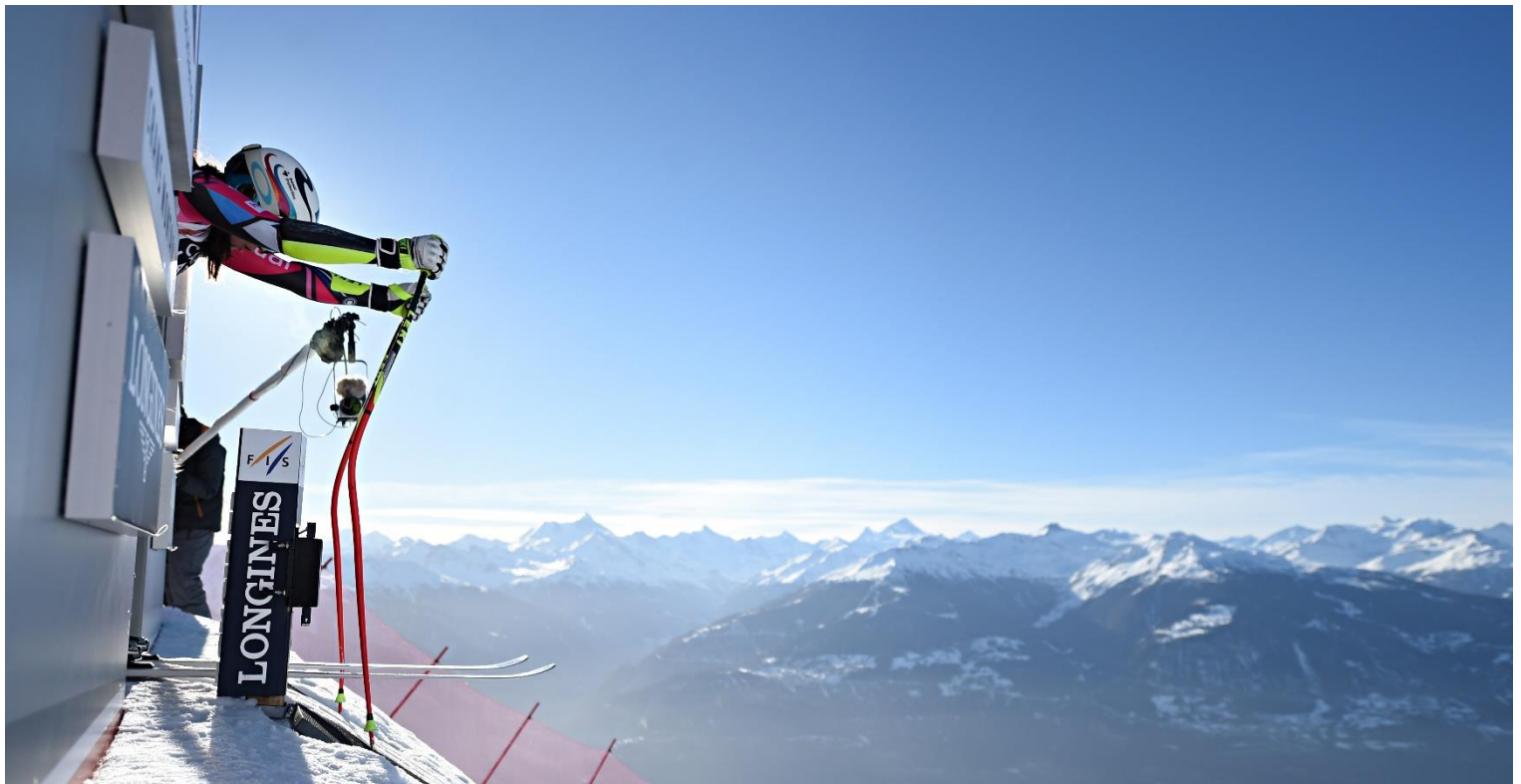




Crans-Montana Alpine Ski European and World Cup

COVID-19 protection concept



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1. Introduction

A COVID-19 protection concept, that has been approved by the medical authorities in the canton of Valais, has been drawn up in order to organise the World Cup and European Cup ski competitions in Crans-Montana in a safe environment.

The direct and indirect economic impact of these events is considerable for the Canton of Valais and the Crans-Montana region. It is therefore necessary that these races are held, and that they are successful from a sporting and media point of view.

The COVID-19 protection concept was drafted in close collaboration with Swiss-Ski, and with the support of the BASPO expert group, and it includes all the guidelines of the International Ski Federation (FIS).

This concept has been prepared to cover the three phases of the event (set-up, competition days and dismantling).

The Crans-Montana Ski World Cup will bring together the following groups of people:

- 1) Athletes, teams, FIS = approx. 400 people
- 2) Organising Committee, staff, army, PCi = approx. 570 people
- 3) Press = approx. 215 people
- 4) Guests (only if the situation permits) = approx. 50 people

The Crans-Montana Ski European Cup will bring together the following groups of people:

- 1) Athletes, teams, FIS = approx. 150 people
- 2) Organising Committee, staff, army, PCi = approx. 400 people
- 3) Press = approx. 50 people

The COVID-19 security concept thus aims to ensure the safety of all those involved in this event.

2. Crans-Montana Alpine Ski Races Organising Committee objectives

- Safeguarding the health of all athletes, employees, volunteers and the media on site is the top priority for the Crans-Montana Alpine Ski Races Organising Committee.
- Both the Ski World Cup and European Cup in Crans-Montana act in accordance with the principles of solidarity, maintaining strict compliance with all provisions and regulations imposed by the Swiss federal government, the canton and the communes: the fight against COVID-19 and the containment of the virus are of paramount importance to the Organising Committee.
- The processes and rules in the COVID-19 concept are clear and easy to understand. They ensure that those responsible for sporting events can go about their work safely and securely.

2.1 General measures and individual responsibility

Health requirements for epidemiological prevention have been issued by the Federal Office for Public Health (FOPH), the Federal Office of Sports (BASPO) and Swiss Olympic, and apply to all competitions.

The protection concept is based on individual responsibility, in order to reduce the risk of transmission of an acute respiratory infection.

The basic principles of the rules to prevent the transmission of infection are as follows:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or disinfectant, for at least 30 seconds;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands;
- Prevent all viral infections of the upper respiratory tract;
- Sneeze or cough into the crease of the elbow;
- Maintain a safe distance of at least 1.5m;
- Mandatory wearing of a mask, even if the social distance of 1.5m is respected;
- Stay at home in the event of COVID-19 symptoms or flu-like symptoms;
- It is strongly recommended that you register yourself on the « SwissCovid » application;
- Compulsory registration on the FIS Passport for the « RED » group.

Detailed guidelines are available on the following links:

- [OFSP](#)
- [BASPO](#)
- [Swiss Olympic](#)

Federal government tightens measures against coronavirus

18.12.2020

New rules throughout Switzerland from 22 December:



Closed:



Restaurants and bars



Museums



Sports facilities



Zoos and botanical gardens



Other entertainment and leisure facilities



Fewer customers in shops

Stricter rules on store capacity. Still closed from 7pm and on Sundays and public holidays.



Strong recommendation: Stay at home

Keep contacts to a minimum. Avoid unnecessary journeys and outings.

Still applicable:



Extended requirement to wear masks



Singing only among family and in schools

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Private meetings: maximum of 10 people



Ban on events



Work from home (recommendation)

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Gatherings: maximum of 15 people



Discos and clubs closed



Two household rule (recommendation)

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Maximum of 5 people at cultural and sporting activities



Rules for ski areas



$R < 1$ Cantons may relax closures if conditions permit

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Exceptions for children under 16 (sports/cultural activities)



Distance learning at higher education institutions

- Reduce contact with other people
- Wash your hands regularly
- Wear a face mask
- Keep your distance



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3. Structure of the basic protection concept

The Crans-Montana Ski World Cup and European Cup protection concepts comprise the following documents:

- Protection concept
- Coloured annexes according to the groups of people
- Risk analysis
- Map of the arrival area, with zones divided according to colour groups. The flow of traffic is managed in such a way that the 4 colour groups do not mix, and safety distances are guaranteed.
- List of accredited persons → available approximately 2 weeks before the event.

The basis of the protection concept developed by Swiss-Ski, BASPO and all Swiss World Cup organisers contains:

- FOPH directives and recommendations
- FOPH guidelines for the organisation of events and major events
- FIS requirements (groups of people and testing protocol)
- Attitude in the event of positive COVID-19 tests
- Distribution of responsibilities
- The following annexes:

Annex
Group of people
« RED »

Annex
Group of people
« BLUE »

Annex
Group of people
« YELLOW »

Annex
Group of people
« GREEN »

3.1 Annexes according to groups of people

Details are defined in the « RED », « BLUE », « YELLOW » and « GREEN » annexes provided by Swiss-Ski and adapted to local circumstances by the Crans-Montana Organising Committee around 3 weeks before the event.

Different groups of people are represented in these colour groups.

The colours correspond to the following groups of people:

Red	Every person that is part of the World Cup or European Cup retinue, or who is in direct contact with the teams. Specifically, these are the athletes (incl. the forerunners), the trainers, coaches, service staff and FIS employees.
Blue	Every person that is helping to organise proceedings on the course, in the start/finish zones, or at other event venues: volunteers, race officials, emergency services, PCi, the Swiss Armeé.
Yellow	All media staff, such as host broadcasters, journalists, TV and radio commentators, photographers and technicians.
Green	Every person that is attending the competition, specifically guests, VIP and Sponsors.

The « BLUE » and « YELLOW » groups are split into sub-groups of max. 100 people. These sub-groups of max. 100 people do not mix with one another (meals, accommodation...).

The « RED » group is excluded from this rule.

Armbands are distributed as follows:

- Red armbands, for the « RED » group:
 - Numbered from 1 to 400
- Blue armbands, for the « BLUE » group:
 - Numbered from 1 to 570
 - A, B, C, D, E, F for each sub-group of 100 people
- Yellow armbands, for the « YELLOW » group:
 - Numbered from 1 to 215
 - A, B, C for each sub-group of 100 people
- Green armbands, for the « GREEN » group:
 - Numbered from 1 to 50

Each person can only belong to one colour group, and may only mix with people from another colour group in exceptional circumstances.

If a person must (exceptionally) belong to 2 different colour groups, they will only be given 2 armbands after presentation of a negative PCR test or a negative rapid test that was carried out within the previous 72 hours. This person must wear a FFP2 mask.

No spectators are allowed in the start and finish areas. The security officer will ensure that these 2 zones are completely fenced off.

However, spectators are allowed along the course. They must wear a mask and respect the measures of hygiene and distance. As this is a public area, they must respect the rule concerning the maximum number of people accepted during a spontaneous gathering, as enacted by the State Council. The Organising Committee relies on individual responsibility.

4. COVID-19 organisation on the Crans-Montana competition site

Only healthy people with no symptoms are to be admitted to the competition site.

Symptoms include: a high temperature, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties, an impaired sense of smell and taste.

4.1 Hygiene and protective measures

The hygiene and protective measures put in place by the Swiss federal government and the Canton of Valais must be adhered to by all the people present.

Disinfectant dispensers are provided in sufficient quantities and placed in strategic locations, especially in all colour zones.

All contact surfaces are regularly disinfected.

4.2 Protective masks

It is mandatory for all people present to wear a mask during all competitions. There are exceptions, which are described in the appendices (notably for athletes during the competition).

The Organising Committee has sufficient stocks of masks.

4.3 Testing for COVID-19

Only those in the « RED » group must arrive in Crans-Montana with a negative PCR test carried out no more than 72 hours previously (detailed process is described in detail in the « RED » appendix).

The Organising Committee offers « Container Testing » with qualified personnel, in order to carry out tests on site. The test results are guaranteed within 24 hours. All of the costs shall be borne by those being tested (the Organising Committee will cover the costs for volunteers, committee members, and PCi staff).

Rapid tests are allowed for all groups, except the « RED» group, and must be declared to the FOPH (positive test within 2 hours, negative test within 24 hours).

The « RED» group must be tested by PCR test.

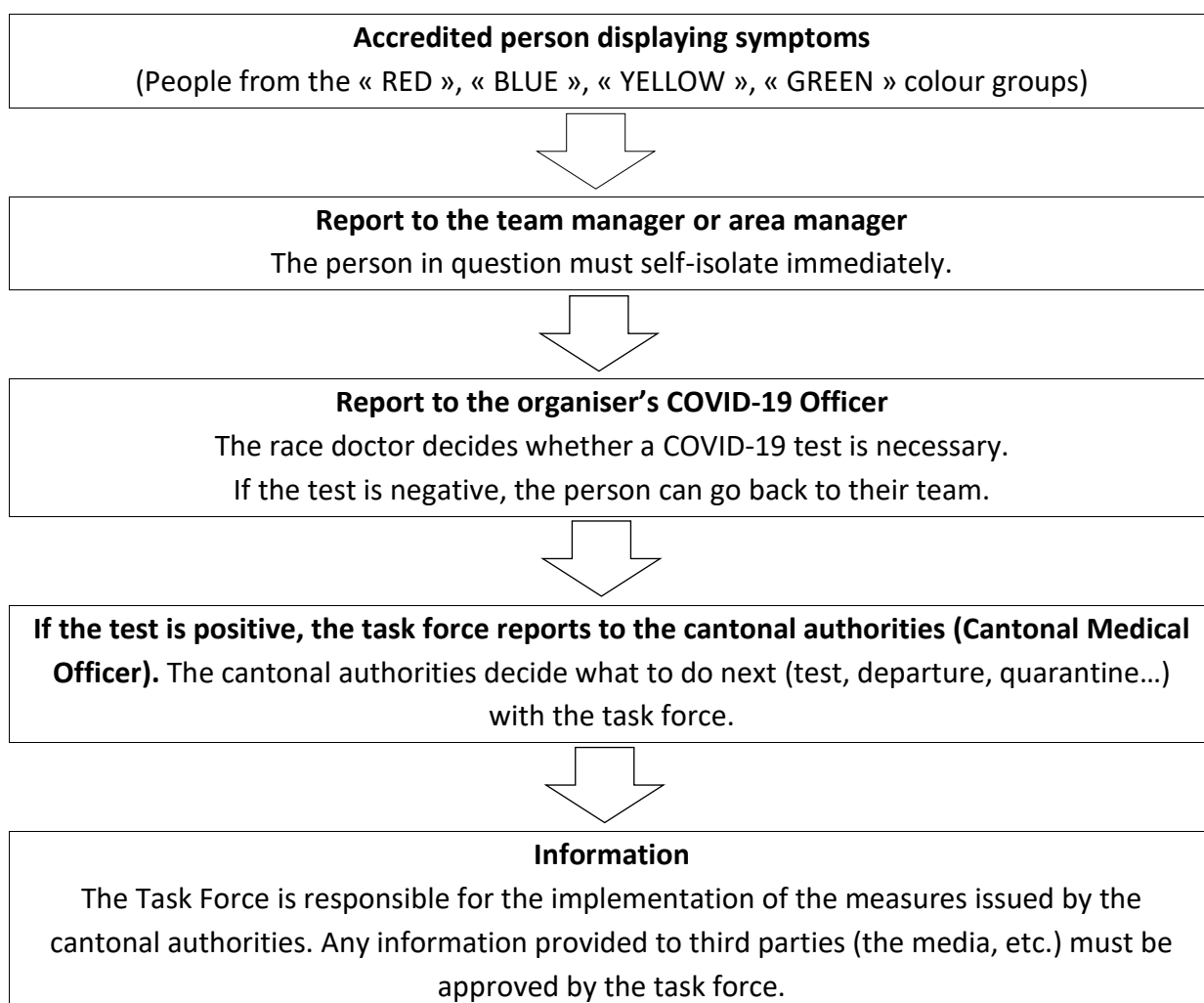
4.4 Contact tracing

The Organising Committee guarantees precise contact tracing of close contacts of all accredited persons. Close contact is defined as prolonged (> 15 minutes) or repeated contact without protective measures, where the social distance of 1.5m is not respected.

The following applies to the implementation of contact tracing:

- People in the « RED » group arrive in Crans-Montana with an up-to-date FIS passport. The FIS passport contains, among other things, the following information: surname, first name, address and telephone number, test dates and results, locations during the last races, health questionnaire. The COVID-19 officer can send the list to the health authorities at any time.
- All persons wishing to access the competition site must have an accreditation. These accreditations have a personal QR code, which is scanned at the entrance and exit of the finish area zone. The data (surname, first name, email and postal address, telephone) is stored for 2 weeks after the event, and is then deleted. This data can be passed on to the health authorities if necessary.
- The Organising Committee updates an attendance list of all groups of people every morning.

4.5 What to do if you experience symptoms



4.6 COVID-19 Officer

The Organising Committee has appointed a COVID-19 officer, whose responsibilities are as follows:

- To act as an interface to the cantonal/federal government;
- To serve as the point of contact for all teams;
- To manage contact tracing and implementation of a framework for complying with all regulations;
- To support the teams from their arrival at the competition site and contact with Swiss-Ski and FIS executives;

The COVID-19 officer is available to the cantonal authorities every day between 07.00 and 22.00, up until at least 14 days after the end of the event.

The official COVID-19 officer is also part of the task force, to ensure the flow of information.

Contact details of the COVID-19 officer:

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4.7 Task Force

A working group known as the task force is created only for the World Cup.

This task force comprises the following representatives:

- COVID-19 Officer from the Organising Committee: Dr. Gérald Gremion
- FIS representative : Peter Gerdol
- Swiss-Ski representative : Hannes Hofer
- Representatives from the Organising Committee: Marius Robyr & Sophie Genoud

The working group decides what to do and the measures to take if accredited persons show symptoms and test positive for COVID-19 infection.

A hotline for « COVID-19 » questions is provided and is available for everyone during the event from 06.00 to midnight.

5. Event provisions

5.1 Accreditation

In order to receive the accreditation, the corresponding colour annex must be signed. If a person answers « yes » to one of the questions in the FIS Health Questionnaire, this person must undergo a rapid test. While waiting for the result, she/he must go into isolation.

Other obligations apply to the « RED » group, which are covered in the relevant appendix, under « Duty to inform and report ».

The accreditation centre is located at the Congress Centre Le Régent. Wearing a mask is mandatory.

5.2 Start area and warm-up area

The start and warm-up areas are reserved for « RED » group people only. Accreditations for all persons are scanned on entering and leaving the area. Disinfectant dispensers are available at the entrance to the area. Wearing a mask is compulsory for everyone in the entire area. Teams are not allowed to mix with each other. Gatherings are prevented by notices and by security personnel.

5.3 Mixed zone

The mixed zone (= arrival area reserved for « RED » people), shown on the arrival area map, has been enlarged compared to previous years, and welcomes athletes and their close companions (coaches, service staff...).

Accreditations for all persons are scanned on entering and leaving the zone. Disinfectant dispensers are available at the entrance to the area. Wearing a mask is compulsory for everyone in the entire zone. Teams are not allowed to mix with each other. Gatherings are prevented by notices, security personnel and messages by the announcer.

5.4 Team Captains' Meetings

The number of participants physically present at team captain meetings (TCM) is kept to a minimum, primarily representatives of the FIS, the Organising Committee and max. 1 representative from each nation (approx. 25 people). Social distancing rules are guaranteed, everyone in attendance must wear a mask and disinfect their hands. Contact surfaces are continuously disinfected, and the room is regularly ventilated. Team leader sessions take place in the large conference room at the Congress Centre Le Régent.

5.5 Bib draw and issuing of start numbers

The bib draw ceremony and issuing of start numbers in public is cancelled. Race numbers will be deposited at the start of the course.

5.6 Transport

Transport of different groups of people to the competition site is organised on an individual basis. Should teams be unable to organise transport themselves, this will be arranged by the Organising Committee. There is no contact or mixing with other groups of people during transport. Masks must be worn both by the chauffeur and the passengers.

5.7 Catering on the competition site

A separate catering area is provided for each colour group. 2 Team Hospitality areas are set up for the « RED » group at the top of the cable car: one for athletes + max. 2 companions, the second for other companions. Tables are allocated on a nation-by-nation basis. There is no self-service, meals are served by professionals. Volunteers ensure that equipment, drinks and meals are in place before people arrive. The rule of 4 people per table applies, as well as a distance of 1.5m between each table. Staff must regularly disinfect surface areas and tables.

5.8 Award ceremony

The award ceremony takes place exclusively in the finish area. Participants are limited to athletes and one representative each from the FIS and Organising Committee.

5.9 Media centre and press conference

The media centre is only accessible to the « YELLOW » group, on presentation of their accreditation card. Work places are attributed by name, and are at least 1.5m apart. All places are regularly disinfected when they are free.

Only the athletes and the FIS and Organising Committee media officers are permitted to physically enter the press conference room. Media representatives and other participants can follow the press conference via an online livestream.

5.10 Staff refreshment tent

The Staff tent provides all staff with refreshments. Staff are divided into groups of 100 people, and are not allowed to mix during meals. The rule of 4 people per table applies, as well as a distance of 1.5m between tables. The tent can seat 100 people. The buffet is protected by plexiglas and served by professionals. The distance of 1.5m is guaranteed in the queue. Wearing of masks is obligatory for everyone on entering the tent and when moving around. Professionals are in charge of disinfecting tables and contact surfaces, as well as regularly ventilating the tent. Disinfectant distributors are installed at the entrance and exit of the tent. A detailed plan of the tent can be sent to the authorities on request.

5.11 Guest area

The GastroSuisse protection concept applies.

The « Staff Refreshment Tent » will welcome around 50 partners and sponsors on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 January 2021 (only if State Council guidelines allow). Wearing a mask is compulsory when guests enter the tent, and are moving around. It can be removed once seated at the table. Accreditations are scanned on entering and leaving the area. In addition, a unique QR code is placed on each table, and must be scanned by all guests. The rule of 4 people per table applies, as well as a distance of 1.5m between each table. Table service is provided by professionals, who strictly adhere to the GastroSuisse guidelines. Contact surfaces are continuously disinfected, and the room is regularly ventilated.

An open space in the finish area is reserved for guests. Guests scan their code when entering and leaving the area. A distance of 1.5m between each guest is guaranteed.

6. External facilities

The national and cantonal protection regulations apply when using external facilities, such as ski lifts, hotels, sports facilities etc.

6.1 Hotels

The GastroSuisse protection concept applies.

The Organising Committee has reserved 1 or more floors per nation (the aim is not to mix several teams on the same floor). Teams have booked an additional room in case any team member has to isolate.

If there are other hotel guests (press, tourists, ...) in the same hotel, they are not allowed in the same area as people from the « RED » group, in order to avoid any contact.

The Organising Committee encourages hotels to provide single, separate beds rather than double beds, and to use stairs rather than lifts.

The hotel provides disinfectant in the rooms.

Cleaning staff should not clean rooms/corridors when teams are present.

Different nations are not allowed to mix with each other during meals. Other people present in the hotel (press, tourists, ...) must not eat at the same time as the teams.

Point 5.7 is also valid for catering in hotels.

6.2 Ski lifts

When using ski lifts, the national and cantonal protection rules as well as the protection concept of the operator of the installation apply.

The rules drawn up by Remontées Mécaniques Suisses apply.

When using ski lifts, all persons must wear a mask.

The Organising Committee creates access corridors for each group of people, with systematic 1.5m distance in the queues. Cabins and chairlifts are allocated according to the group colour (« RED » people will not mix with « BLUE » people).

7. Communication

7.1 Providing information to national ski associations

The Organising Committee will communicate the safety concept to the national ski associations. It will help nations to organise entry into Switzerland.

7.2 Exchange of information

The exchange of information with other World Cup organisers is very important. In this way, experiences and possible problems can be anticipated at a sufficiently early stage.

7.3 Communicating information

Safety guidelines are displayed on placards in all areas where there is a risk of people congregating (entrances and exits to zones...).

In addition, the speaker will regularly make announcements to remind people of the safety measures.

8. Responsibility

Everyone involved in the event must act in accordance with the principles of solidarity and assume personal responsibility for ensuring compliance with this protection concept!

The Organising Committee is responsible for implementing and monitoring the defined measures. The COVID-19 Officer is responsible for complying with these measures.

Everyone present must sign a declaration stating that they have read and understood the relevant colour annex before they can pick up their accreditation.

Participants are obliged to consistently implement all of the prescribed measures and immediately report any symptoms that would indicate a possible infection to the COVID-19 Officer.

The operators of external facilities/companies are responsible for establishing appropriate framework conditions and protection concepts at their respective facilities.



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