



# Audi FIS Ski World Cup – Beaver Creek Dec. 3-5, 2021

**Covid-19 Health Protocols** 

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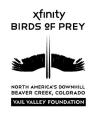






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# 1. Objective

The objective of this document is to provide clear health and safety guidelines for the safe and successful hosting of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup in Beaver Creek, CO, USA in December 2021.

The health and safety of all participants, as well as the general public in Colorado, are the top priority of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Referencing and implementing the FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines together with protocols shared by other organizing committees, the LOC – together with the respective medical, epidemiological, and infectious diseases experts – has worked closely with U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Eagle County public health authorities and the International Ski Federation (FIS) to establish the proposed health and safety guidelines included in this document. Updates will be made on an ongoing basis, as situations change and evolve.

The document outlines policies and procedures for all groups on-site for the entirety of the event (pre, during and post competition), including national ski teams, race officials, FIS, LOC, U.S. Ski & Snowboard, volunteers, media, and hotel and resort staff. It provides details on the event's risk prevention "Bubble" approach, including testing, outbreak management, contact tracing and isolation, as well as cleaning and sanitization.

Every participant and individual involved will play a critical role in ensuring their own health and safety, as well as that of others in the bubble. Adherence to all guidelines included in this document is essential to maintaining a safe and controlled "Bubble" environment.

The following entities and organizations are involved in, and assisting with, the development of this document for the Audi FIS Ski World Cup – Beaver Creek held on Dec. 3-5, 2021:

- FIS
- U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Vail Valley Foundation
- Vail Resorts
- Event Committees and Key Partners

The medical team involved in the development of these protocols include:

- Dr. Hubert Hörterer leads the FIS Medical Support Group and Experts who created the FIS Covid-19 Prevention Guidelines along with Jernej Damjan, Dr. Rasmus Damsgaard, Dr. Percy Knolle, Dr. Inggard Lereim, Dr. Wolfgang Schobersberger, Dr. Jenny Shute.
- Local health guidance from Eagle County Public Health and Vail Health
- Gillian Bower, DPT is U.S. Ski & Snowboard's Director of High Performance and has been involved in the development of the Covid-19 health protocols for the event.
- Each national ski team has appointed a doctor or other medical professional to support their team throughout the competition season – either onsite or remotely. These guidelines will be shared with all national ski teams and their medical representatives in advance of their travel to Beaver Creek, CO.





# 2. Executive Summary

Beaver Creek has hosted the Audi FIS Ski World Cup several times over the years and has become one of the favorite stops on the annual men's alpine skiing World Cup tour. Last year's races were canceled due to the pandemic, and we look forward to welcoming the ski world back to Colorado again in December 2021. The upcoming races play a critical part in the preparation of national ski teams towards the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games in February 2022. Approximately 20 nations with roughly 90 of the world's top male ski racers in total are expected to race in Beaver Creek, CO in the Super G on Friday Dec. 3 and Sunday Dec. 5 as well as in the Downhill on Saturday Dec. 4, 2021.

The following key safety measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the event, with respect to the global Covid-19 pandemic.

- 1. **Covid-19 testing** will be required prior to travelling internationally to the United States and Beaver Creek. Details on the testing program are outlined in Section 8.
- 2. Creation of a **safe hotel environment** to the greatest extent possible all national ski teams will be accommodated in Beaver Creek village during their stay at the resort. All will be asked to wear masks at all times in the common areas of hotels.
- 3. All Vail Valley Foundation staff, contractors, and volunteers will be required to provide **proof of full vaccination** against Covid-19 completed at least 14 days prior to the event. Any event partners that are not requiring staff to provide proof vaccination will be asked to ensure all staff is following heightened safety protocols (e.g., masks, distancing, etc.)
- 4. All participants, staff, volunteers, and vendors will be required to wear **face masks** indoors when interacting with individuals in the red group, and outdoors when physical distancing is not possible (with the exception of athletes during training, warm-up or competition). Physical distancing will be encouraged and hand sanitization stations will be plentiful.

### 5. Limiting interactions:

- Creation of zones within the competition venue the competition venue will be divided into 9 zones limiting access within the zones and interactions within the venue.
- Teams will be encouraged to stay in the resort area during their stay in Beaver Creek and to limit their movements to the hotel, competition trails and practice trails.
- Teams will be required to use dedicated and assigned dining tables at team meals and in team hospitality.
- 6. Implementation of a **Covid-19 Oversight Committee**. This Committee along with the appointment of a LOC Health Coordinator, will focus on adhering to all protocols and guidelines that are in place and continue to be put in place.

FIS successfully ran a full World Cup season – including World Championships – in 2020-2021 across all disciplines and throughout the world, thanks to clear prevention guidelines and strict adherence to them at all sites.

We will continue to learn and take best practices from other events held in the US as we prepare for the World Cup races in December.





# **DEFINITIONS**

FIS	International Ski Federation, the international governing body for ski racing			
U.S. Ski & Snowboard	National governing body for ski racing in the US			
LOC	Local Organizing Committee for the World Cup races in Beaver Creek			
VVF	Vail Valley Foundation, LOC for the World Cup races in Beaver Creek			
Beaver Creek Resort	Host resort for the World Cup races in Beaver Creek			
Vail Resorts	Parent company of the Beaver Creek Resort			
Quarantine	Restriction of movement, no interaction with other people during			
Quararrente	prescribed time frame			
Isolation	Restricted interactions			
Isolation Room –	A guest room in the hotel that is dedicated for housing a guest presenting			
hotel	symptoms of Covid-19			
Bubble	A restricted area, limited to specific group of identified people			
Zones	The competition venue will be broken down into zones monitored by			
	accreditation to allow only authorized people into the appropriate zones			
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment, e.g. face masks, face shields, gloves, etc.			
FIS TD	Technical Delegate appointed by FIS to oversee the delivery of competition			
Workforce	Members of the LOC accredited to work at the event, including paid staff,			
	volunteers, suppliers and contractors			
Media	Accredited and recognized members of the media, TV commentators,			
	journalists, photographers			
Broadcast	Host broadcaster, e.g. TV production company, contracted to produce and			
	distribute the TV signal for the event			
Race Official	LOC appointed and FIS approved officials who are in charge of delivering			
	the competition, e.g. Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Chief Race			
	Administrator			
Team Captain	Point of contact for each national ski team, e.g. Head Coach or Team			
	Manager			
SRS	Ski Racing Supplier, a technician or representative of a number of ski			
	equipment manufacturers and vendors, considered part of ski teams			
Mixed Zone	Area where accredited members of media have an opportunity to conduct			
	interviews with athletes after their competition run			
TEST TYPES				
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction test used to show if a person currently has Covid-			
	19			
Rapid antigen	Rapid test used to show if a person currently has Covid-19			
Serology test	A Covid-19 antibody test – a blood test that can detect if a person has			
	antibodies to the virus that causes Covid-19. Covid-19 antibody tests can			
	help identify people who may have been infected or have recovered from			
	a Covid-19 infection			
Departure Testing	A Covid-19 test administered prior to individual's departure from Beaver			
	Creek at their own cost. The individual may choose a PCR or rapid antigen			
	test based on their destination country's requirements.			





# 3. The Event

# Timeline

Oct. 26, 2021 Final entries due – national ski teams confirm their attendance as well as names and arrival and departure dates of all individuals.

**Nov. 29, 2021** Official Arrival date – national ski teams may arrive prior to this date but will be responsible for their lodging and meal expenses before this date.

**Nov. 29, 2021** First Team Captains' Meeting – a meeting for all team captains where start lists are confirmed and other competition related logistical details are shared.

Nov. 30, 2021 Official Training #1 for Downhill

Dec. 1, 2021 Official Training #2 for Downhill

Dec. 2, 2021 Official Training #3 for Downhill

Dec. 3, 2021 Super G race

Dec. 4, 2021 Downhill race

Dec. 5, 2021 Super G race

**Dec. 5, 2021 Official Departure date** – national ski teams' subsidized accommodations end on this

# **Client Groups**

Client group quantities are estimated and based on past years' attendance

Client Group	Quantity	Description
Teams	300	Athletes, team officials, SRS
Media	100	Journalists, photographers
Broadcast	70	Host broadcaster, rights-holding broadcasters
FIS	10	Chief Race Director, Race Director, etc.
Workforce/LOC	750	Volunteers, paid staff, contractors
VIP	1,400	Invited guests, paying guests – per day
Sponsors	100	Commercial Partners
Spectators	6,000	General public viewing the race – per day

Groups will be identified through color coding in accordance with their tasks and likely interactions:

**RED**: Athletes, Team Support Staff, Equipment Service, FIS Officials, Timing and members of LOC relevant to race production such as start personnel, jury, Chiefs of Race and Course, and Finish area personnel

**GRAY**: Event staff, volunteers and members of LOC that come into close contact with the red group but have roles that require them to also interact regularly with blue or green group stakeholders.





**BLUE**: course crew, lift service crew and equivalent, live show team, necessary event staff and accredited media and broadcast

**GREEN**: Spectators, Vendors, Sponsors



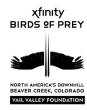
# 4. Core Health and Safety Principles



# Vaccinations

All Vail Valley Foundation staff, contractors, and volunteers will be required to provide proof of a full vaccination against Covid-19 completed at least 14 days prior to receiving accreditation. Covid-19 vaccines from the following manufacturers are accepted as per the FDA or WHO Emergency Use Listing: Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, SII (Covishield), Janssen-Johnson&Johnson, Moderna, Sinopharm, Sinovac.





### Face Masks

Appropriate face masks will be worn to protect against Covid-19 by reducing the risk of spread from one person who is infected with the coronavirus to another. Non-fabric face masks are to be worn when interacting with individuals in the red group indoors, in public spaces and when travelling. Exceptions will be made while eating and drinking. Masks are also required outdoors in situations where physical distancing is not possible within the red group.

# Physical Distancing

The Covid-19 virus can spread through droplets in the air that are transmitted to those nearby, including by an individual who is not yet experiencing symptoms. Physical distancing between persons of at least 2 meters, or 6 feet, is essential when interacting with individuals in the red group.

# Personal Hygiene

Hands should be washed regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or with hydroalcoholic gel/hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol. Hands should be cleaned when entering/exiting a facility, before and after eating or drinking, and before and after removing face masks or gloves. Avoid touching your face (eyes, mouth, nose) with unwashed hands. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue or the bend of your arm. Dispose of any used tissues in the trash as soon as possible and wash your hands afterwards. Avoid direct contact with others (i.e., hugs, shaking hands). Do not share any personal items with others (i.e., cups, food, towels, and clothing). Hand sanitizer will be made available.

# Frequent Cleaning and Disinfecting

Areas that participants will access, especially high-touch items and surfaces and high-traffic areas will require frequent cleaning and disinfecting (e.g., competition venue, hotel).

# Maintenance of Controlled Environments

Measures will be established to maintain controlled environments. This will be done through access controls and tiering of participants.

# Health Checks and Testing

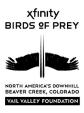
Individuals should monitor their health through self-assessments and the health of those in close contact around them. Individuals who feel unwell or have been exposed to anyone who is symptomatic, or tests positive must immediately report this. Health monitoring, together with Covid-19 testing, can enable early intervention.

Individuals in the red group who have not been vaccinated will be given a rapid antigen test every 3 days after their arrival at their own cost. E.g. an individual who arrives on Monday will be given a test on Thursday.

# Continuous Education and Awareness

FIS and the Local Organizing Committee will provide all national ski teams, staff, officials, and volunteers with the health and safety protocol guidelines outlining the key requirements to participate. These will include testing protocols, isolation protocols, travel-related protocols, hotel and





venue protocols, and insurance requirements. Additionally, all volunteers, staff and contractors will be required to sign an Event Participation Waiver acknowledging the required protocols.

All national ski team members will receive regular education and awareness on the pandemic and health and safety protocols from their designated Covid-19 liaison officer and this will include proper use of a mask, physical distancing, effective hand washing and safe removal of gloves.

# 5. Covid-19 Protocol Implementation and Health & Safety Points of Contact

The LOC has established a **Covid-19 Committee** who is in charge of developing and communicating all health and safety protocols relating to Covid-19 for this event. The task force will govern and ensure a safe environment for all participants. The task force consists of the following members:

- 1. Competition Secretary and Team Covid-19 Coordinator
- 2. Event Covid-19 Coordinator
- 3. LOC Vice President of Marketing and Operations
- 4. Dr. Barry Hammaker Covid-19 Medical Advisor
- 5. Eagle County Public Health

The LOC will appoint a **Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator and Medical Advisor. Collectively,** they will be in charge of the following:

- Close and regular contact with public health authorities (link between LOC and health authorities)
- Up-to-date knowledge of the national health directives
- Advising the LOC on the prevention and mitigation measures
- Advising the LOC on the testing protocol in line with FIS guidelines and/or national rules
- Advising the LOC on protocol for management of suspected Covid-19 cases
- Responsible for the Prevention and Mitigation Response Plan
- Point of contact for event participants for Covid-19 related questions onsite
- FIS Passport access responsible to check participants' test results and/or other medical documentation (e.g. previous infection) and assess eventual complex cases
- Ideally hold an online information session for event participants prior to the event to present the hygiene and testing concepts

The LOC appointed **Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator** will support the Health Coordinator in logistical and administrative matters and will act as key point of contact for national ski teams on such matters in particular in the lead-up to the event.

**FIS Event Task Force** will be called together if any positive cases of Covid-19 are discovered during the event. The task force consists of:

- 1. FIS representative Race Director or Admin representative
- 2. LOC Vice President of Marketing and Operations





- 3. LOC Director of Communications
- 4. NGB Liaison Officer
- 5. LOC Health Coordinator
- 6. LOC Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator

U.S. Ski and Snowboard will appoint a **Covid-19 Liaison Officer** (CLO) who is the main point of contact for its national team participants as well as for the LOC and FIS. The CLO will support and advise team members to meet the requirements before and during the World Cup event.

U.S. Ski and Snowboard will also appoint an **Athlete Liaison Representative** who is the main point of contact amongst athletes to receive feedback and to share it with the NGB and/or FIS as applicable.

# 6. Medical Equipment and Personnel

The Covid-19 Task Force will ensure that there are adequate medical facilities and equipment to prevent Covid-19 infections and manage any suspected infection on site.

This will include, but not be limited to:

- Adequate PPE, including an emergency PPE supply, face masks, and gloves;
- Appropriate medical equipment, including pathology collection and swabs (this may be delegated to a pathology provider);
- Medical cleaning equipment;
- Medical waste and disposal; and
- Appropriate isolation and transport facilities.

The Covid-19 Task Force will ensure that there are event medical personnel sufficient and qualified to manage a possible Covid-19 infection case. The task force will have a hospitalization and specialist medical support available if required.

Mask wearing will be mandatory for all on-site when interacting with individuals in the red group.

National ski teams, FIS staff and officials are responsible for travelling with sufficient masks for the duration of the event and for sanitizing their own mask where applicable.

Hand sanitizer stations will be located throughout the venue.

# 7. Pre-Competition Behavior for Risk Prevention

All participants, staff, officials, LOC staff, volunteers, and suppliers should limit social contacts for a 2-week period leading up to the event wherever possible and practical.

# 8. Testing and Quarantine Requirements





All participants in the red group entering the "Bubble" will be required to undergo testing protocols regardless of their point of origin prior to arrival in Beaver Creek. Proof of a negative PCR test result within 72 hours prior to arrival is required. Test results must be uploaded to the individual's FIS Passport app. Pre-arrival Questionnaire must also be completed in the FIS Passport.

Individuals in the red group who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the WHO (Emergency Use Listing) will be given a rapid antigen test every 3 days after their arrival at their own cost. E.g. an individual who arrives on Monday will be given a test on Thursday. A PCR test is available upon request, e.g. if the individual requires one for travel. Individuals who have received one shot of vaccine but have recovered from a Covid-19 infection in the last 6 months are exempt from the testing requirement.

As the State of Colorado has not implemented any particular restrictions on mass gatherings at this point, age-qualified accredited individuals outside of the red group arriving domestically or residing locally will be required to provide proof of full Covid-19 vaccination completed at least 14 days prior to receiving accreditation. This will include only eligible WHO approved vaccines (Emergency Use Listing).

The LOC will arrange for a facility and a private provider on site to handle all required sample collection and diagnostic testing. Through a partnership, testing resources will not be taken from the community. The testing will be located at the Buck Creek COVID Testing Center in Avon, Colorado at the base of Beaver Creek.

The cost of testing is as follows:

- Asymptomatic PCR test with travel certificate (turnaround approx. 24-36 hrs) \$125
- Asymptomatic rapid antigen test (turnaround approx. 15 min) \$50
- Symptomatic rapid antigen test (approx. 15 min) \$50

# Asymptomatic Screening Test Procedure Pathways

Individuals in the red group who have not been vaccinated are required to provide proof of a negative PCR test result within 72 hours prior to arrival and will be given a rapid antigen test every 3 days after their arrival at their own cost. E.g. an individual who arrives on Sunday will be given a test on Wednesday. A PCR test is available upon request, e.g. if the individual requires one for travel. Individuals who have received one shot of vaccine but have recovered from a Covid-19 infection in the last 6 months are exempt from the post-arrival testing requirement.

- 1. **Negative screening test**: Individual will be notified and allowed to continue participation in the "Bubble".
- 2. **Positive screening result**: As there is a possibility of false positives, the individual will have an immediate repeat screening test done.
  - a) If the second test is negative and the symptoms/temperature checks are also negative, then the individual can resume participation in the "Bubble".
  - b) If the second test is positive regardless of symptom status, the individual will enter the positive diagnostic protocol as discussed in "Management of Symptomatic Individuals" Section.





# **Departure Testing**

Covid-19 testing is available to all individuals prior to their departure from Beaver Creek at their own cost. The individual may choose a rapid antigen or PCR test based on the requirements of their destination country. Please alert the Event Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator of any departure testing needs no later than November 29 to assure any testing and transportation needs can be arranged.

The cost of testing is as follows:

- Asymptomatic PCR test with travel certificate (turnaround approx. 24-36 hrs) \$125
- Asymptomatic rapid antigen test (turnaround approx. 15 min) \$50
- Symptomatic rapid antigen test (approx. 15 min) \$50

### Covid-19 Vaccination

An exemption from regular PCR/rapid antigen testing on site is granted to asymptomatic participants who have undergone a full vaccination cycle for Covid-19 at least 14 days prior to arrival based on State of Colorado health guidelines at the time of the event. This will include only eligible FDA approved or WHO authorized vaccines (Emergency Use Listing).

Individual or the respective national ski team will upload the necessary documents as part of the event registration process to their FIS Passport app. In the case of vaccines, the LOC will require the "vaccination passport" or other medical certificate issued by the local government authority (and a certified translation if needed). This document is expected to indicate the type and timing of vaccine given.

# **During Event**

# **Symptom Monitoring:**

- Teams will conduct pre-event and daily health checks on all members of the team for the duration of the event by using the FIS Passport.
- Additional testing will be implemented for anyone who shows Covid-19 symptoms.

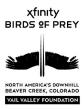
# Media and Broadcast Testing Requirements

Before receiving accreditation, all members of media and broadcast staff are required to provide proof of:

- A full Covid-19 vaccination cycle completed at least 14 days before arrival with a FDA approved or WHO authorized vaccine (Emergency Use Listing).

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 is asked to stay home and avoid the competition venue and its related areas.





# LOC and HB Staff, Media, Volunteers and Suppliers Testing Requirements

Through the use of an event accreditation badge, staff, media and volunteers will be restricted to specific areas they can access depending on their job requirements at the competition venue.

All LOC and host broadcast (HB) staff, media, volunteers and suppliers are required to provide proof of:

- A full Covid-19 vaccination cycle completed at least 14 days before arrival with a FDA approved or WHO authorized vaccine (Emergency Use Listing).

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 is asked to stay home and avoid the competition venue and its related areas.

Physical distancing when interacting with the red group and relative isolation will need to be maintained throughout the period of the competition to minimize risks and virus transmission.

# Non-Compliance to Testing and Monitoring

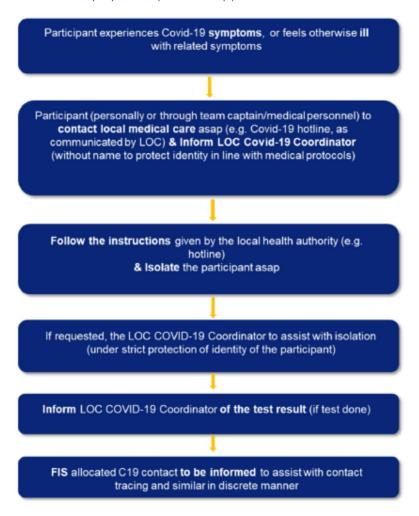
Individuals, who refuse to follow the testing and monitoring requirements, will be prohibited from participating in the event, will be sent home, and sanctions may be implemented.





# 9. Management of Symptomatic or Covid-19 Positive Individuals

# Procedure for Covid-19 Symptoms (Red Group)



The following procedures will be implemented should any national ski team member, FIS official or any other red group member return a positive Covid-19 test result at any moment throughout his/her stay.

- The Health Officer will liaise with team medical staff to determine clinical status of the individual.
- Assessment will include determination of level of care, if any required.

There are two scenarios that need to be addressed:

1. Individual is clinically stable and does not require medical intervention and goes immediately into isolation in a separate hotel room at a pre-designated hotel.





2. Individual requires hospitalization level care.

### **Immediate Isolation**

Any individual who does not need to be hospitalized and will be remaining in the hotel shall remain in or must enter isolation as soon as possible. Should the individual be at the Venue when the results are known, he/she shall be placed in an area previously prepared, assessed and transferred to the hotel or the hospital (see below) with the ambulance or transportation team using protective equipment.

The LOC will have designated accommodation for this purpose ("Isolation Room").

In the course of relocating from the person's current environment to an isolation room, the individual will be provided and must wear a face mask and refrain from any close contact with any other individuals.

Note: Covid-19 test needs to be repeated to confirm positive case.

### **Hospitalization – Process / Procedures**

The Medical Advisor will communicate directly with the Vail Health hospital on-duty Emergency Department physician to discuss the case and arrange hospital transfer.

The individual will put on full PPE for transport.

Arrangements for transport will be coordinated by the Medical Advisor, Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator, the team doctor and FIS in communication with the team captain.

Teams attending the event will be responsible for all costs and are required to have team medical insurance.

# Procedure for Covid-19 Symptoms (Other Groups)

Any individual developing symptoms of a viral infection or Covid-19 during their involvement in the event must immediately declare their condition to one of the following responsible persons and isolate:

- LOC staff, volunteers, suppliers, and any other LOC personnel: LOC Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator, LOC Covid-19 Medical Advisor LOC Chief of Medical.
- Host Broadcaster: U.S. Ski and Snowboard Liaison Officer.
- Accredited media: FIS Media Coordinator or LOC Chief of Media.

The informed party shall transfer the information to the LOC Health Coordinator who will decide on the appropriate course of action.

# Procedure for Positive Test Results (Other Groups)

The LOC Medical Advisor shall be immediately informed of any positive testing results reported amongst any of the participants in the event. The positive individual shall immediately quarantine away from the venue and/or hotel. Should the individual be at the venue when the results are known, they shall be placed in roman area previously prepared, assessed and transferred to their quarantine location, or the hospital, by paramedics or an isolated transportation unit using protective equipment.





The LOC Covid-19 Administrative Coordinator shall consult with the relevant parties to decide on the appropriate course of action.

# PCR Retesting to Verify Positive Result

Due to the possibility of occasional false positive test results, a confirmatory retest protocol will be followed to confirm a positive test.

- If test results match
  - An individual who returns a second positive test result will be considered a confirmed positive, remain in isolation housing, and begin the process for monitoring, management, and resolution.
- If test results do not match
  - If the individual returns a second test result that is negative but continues to exhibit symptoms, the individual will remain in isolation housing and retest a third time after 24 hours.
- Third test
  - If the individual returns a third test that is negative and is without prior or current symptoms associated with Covid-19, the person will exit isolation and return to full participation in the team's activities. If the third retest is positive, the individual will be considered a confirmed positive, remain in isolation housing, and begin the process for monitoring, management, and resolution.

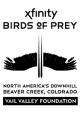
# Close Contacts

Defined as any individuals who spent time with the positive individual(s) of at least two (2) hours in the same room, unmasked – shall undergo a rapid antigen test on the first day of the positive individual's quarantine:

Close Contacts shall adhere to the following measures:

- 1. All Close Contacts will be closely followed for Covid-19 symptoms;
- 2. Close Contacts are not allowed to use any hotel common areas including the team dining room, fitness areas or swimming pool, etc.;
- 3. Close Contacts should have their meals in their rooms and should not leave their accommodation except to training and races, with strict maintenance of social distance and limiting all unnecessary movement outside of the controlled environment. Should a room be available in the hotel with a sufficient size to ensure safe distancing between Participants for meals and meetings, Close Contacts may be allowed to use it after a first cycle of rapid antigen tests returns negative results.
- 4. Close Contacts are allowed to participate in the team's group training and races with even increased attention to or introduction of the following precautions:
  - a. Avoidance of physical contact as much as possible;
  - b. Use of designated transportation and use of masks on all transportation methods;
  - c. Use of personal training equipment, towels, and water bottles.
- 5. On the day of the race, all Close Contacts shall:





- a. Have been tested one day before or on the same day of the race;
- b. Be assessed by medical staff in the presence of the LOC Medical Advisor for Covid-19 symptoms including high temperature.

# 10. Travel, Accommodation and Meals

### **Travel**

Teams are responsible for their own travel arrangements to/from the US as well as to/from Beaver Creek. The LOC will arrange individual cars for airport transfers for FIS Officials. Both driver and passengers are required to wear a mask while inside the vehicle.

Teams are also responsible for their own transport between the hotel and ski lifts. Parking will be provided to teams in Beaver Creek Village.

A dedicated team shuttle will be arranged to provide transport between Beaver Creek Village and the competition venue.

### Accommodation

Teams and FIS Officials will be accommodated in a number of hotels in Beaver Creek village.

# **Fitness Facility**

Workouts in the hallways or hotel common areas are not allowed. Hotel gyms are not available to red group members.

# Meals

Meal service begins with dinner on Monday Nov. 29 and ends with breakfast on Monday Dec. 6, for those staying in Denver on Sunday evening. Meals will be served in team hotels, Talons Restaurant and Park Hyatt Beaver Creek. Tables will be set with appropriate physical distancing and will be assigned to specific teams. Physical distancing will be encouraged while lining up. Sanitizer will be available to guests.

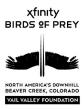
# 11. Accreditation

All participants, staff and volunteers will be provided with event accreditation. The cards will be color-coded according to the cardholder's group. Every attempt will be made to ensure pre-registration is completed electronically. Accreditation requests will be reviewed by FIS prior to distribution.

### **Course Access**

Armbands will be issued to all individuals requiring course access. All requests must be reviewed and approved by FIS.





# 12. Venue Setup and Operations

The LOC Covid-19 Task Force is responsible to ensure the competition venue is safe and compliant with local public health authority restrictions and the FIS Covid-19 protocol requirements.

All areas will have a risk assessment completed for teams, FIS officials, media, broadcast, and spectators. The WHO Risk Assessment checklist will assist with this assessment.

# **Parking and Entry**

Parking passes are assigned to teams as in past years. Teams have a separate corral to load the ski lift from other accredited groups and general public.

### **Team Hospitality**

Team Hospitality is located at Talon's Restaurant in the finish area. Access is limited to essential team personnel and red group members only and strictly monitored. Tables will be assigned to specific teams and will be sanitized on a regular basis.

### **Jury Room**

Jury room is located in Talon's Restaurant. Access is limited to essential personnel only and self-monitored. Masks must be worn at all times when inside the jury room.

### **Doping Control**

Doping control room is located inside Talon's Restaurant. Selected athletes are escorted in and out of the room by doping control chaperones. LOC will provide a vehicle and driver for any athletes requiring transport back to their hotel after doping control. Both driver and all passengers are required to wear masks when inside the vehicle.

### **Mixed Zone and Press Conference**

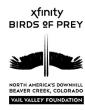
Post event press conferences will not be held. All post-race interviews will take place in the mixed zone. Media are encouraged to use "selfie sticks" and/or boom microphones in order to adhere to physical distancing requirements. The LOC will also provide audio interviews of the top three finishers, in addition to the top-placed U.S. finisher.

Additionally, all media will be required to wear face masks at all times while in the mixed zone. Face masks are also encouraged for all media to/from the media center and the mixed zone, in addition to all areas where physical distancing is not possible.

# **Media Center**

Media Center is located in a tent on the deck of Talon's Restaurant. Physical distancing will be observed within this space. Food service is limited.





# **Team Captains' Meeting**

Team Captains' Meeting will be held in Ford Hall. Access is limited to essential personnel only and is strictly monitored in order to ensure physical distancing. Online access will be provided to media and other accredited individuals.

# Venue Zoning

Venue zoning will follow the FIS accreditation matrix. In addition, dedicated pathways will be created for each color-coded group. Groups will be identified through color coding in accordance with their tasks and likely interactions:

RED: Athletes, Team Support Staff, Equipment Service, FIS Officials, Timing and members

of LOC relevant to race production such as start personnel, jury, Chiefs of Race and

Course, and Finish area personnel

GRAY: Event staff, volunteers and members of LOC that come into close contact with the red

group but have roles that require them to also interact regularly with blue or green

group stakeholders.

BLUE: Course crew, lift service crew and equivalent, Media and Broadcast, LOC accredited

event staff and volunteers

**GREEN**: Spectators, Vendors, Sponsors

# Signage

There will be signage throughout the venue to raise awareness on precautions and measures to be taken. As well, visual markers (i.e., arrows, directional tape, etc.) and/or physical barriers (i.e., stanchions, bike racks, etc.) immediately outside and within the venue perimeter will direct the flow of foot traffic.

# Office and Working Areas

All working areas and offices will respect physical distancing principles. Furniture and chairs will not be moved and positions are pre-assigned wherever possible. Spaces will be sanitized frequently – as a minimum on daily basis.

# 13. Insurance

All volunteers, staff and contractors will be required to sign an Event Participation Waiver to acknowledge their adherence to these protocols.

Teams are required to arrange for out-of-country medical insurance that includes Covid-19 coverage if that out-of-country team member needs to seek Covid-19 related medical attention and/or remain in the country due to illness precluding safe travel.