

COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR TESTING AND INFECTION CONTROL

(WC Telemark 16/2-19/2)

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1. Brief factual information about the event

a) Implementation and scope

Date: 16/2 - 19/2 2022

Disciplines: Telemark; Official training, classic, sprint and parallel.

Arena: Ål ski center

Accommodation: Thon Hotell Hallingdal, Actif Hotell.

Arrival to the event is 15.02.2022.

b) Arrival and transport

All participants must be registered with all details about who shares a room etc. The teams must provide their own transport during the entire event. Antigen-test (Rapid-test) is available to all participants, managers and coaches at the accommodation.

2. Brief description of the authorities ' requirements / restrictions for travelers into Norway

Government requirements for SARS-CoV-2 testing and registration before and after arrival in Norway:

- All travellers arriving in Norway must complete a registration of personal and travel information prior to departure from home country.
 - <https://reg.entrynorway.no>
- Travellers that do not hold an EU approved digital Covid-19 passport/document must perform a PCR or Antigen test within 24h prior to departure of flight to Norway and show proof of a negative test on the arrival of the event.

3. The Organizer's obligations towards Government requirements and recommendations for infection control

Ål Alpin are fully aware of the increased Covid-19 infection rates in many of the Norwegian National and local Covid-19 requirements may change at any day or week and thus affect the protocol for this Event. Changes will be communicated to FIS and the participating nations as soon they are published and official.

Ål Alpines control measures are based on the following principles:

1. Avoid that sick people come in contact with healthy participants by informing everyone not to participate even with the slightest feeling of illness. Quick reporting routines in case of illness will be ensured. Sick persons must be isolated and are not allowed to be present at the event.

2. Good information about hand hygiene, coughing routines and how to limit contact from hands to face.
3. Ensure frequent cleaning of all common areas / surfaces in hotels, gyms, arenas, etc.
4. Ensure effective routines for identifying infection via mandatory testing of everyone who comes from countries that require testing and quarantine by Norway authorities.
5. Good preparedness and capacity for isolation, infection detection and infection remediation.
6. To practice clear consequences for individuals and groups who are breaking the infection control rules / covid protocol, such as revocation of accreditation and expulsion / repatriation from the event.

Anchoring of Event infection controls plans with the Municipality Medical Officer will take place in meetings ahead of the Event. The extent of this collaboration is governed by the Covid-19-team.

4. Test-and infection control requirements

Tests in connection with the FIS World Cup-Telemark are carried out to minimize the risk of Covid-19 infection. The following shall be implemented:

- A negative Rapid test no later than 48 hours before arrival at the event must be documented.
- A Rapid test will be conducted on Wednesday 16/2 at the accommodation before attending the arena. This includes all coaches / managers and the organizer's officials.
- A new Rapid test will be conducted on Friday 18/2 at the accommodation before attending the arena.
- Rapid testing will be performed on all participants with symptoms of Covid infection regardless of the day.
- Face mask must be worn in the arena (indoors and outdoors) as much as practically possible and in all situations where it is not possible to keep a distance of at least one meter.

5. COVID-19-team

Ål Alpin has established a COVID-19 team which, in close collaboration with the municipality's infection control doctor, is responsible for all handling of test and infection control measures.

The COVID-19 team consists of the following representatives:

- Leader of the COVID-19 team: Are Fosse (LOC leader)
- LOC COVID-19 coordinators: Marianne Lerberg, Anette Saue, Marit Øen Li.

Per request from the COVID-19 team

- Infection control doctor in Ål municipality Toril Bøyum

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6. Testing, isolation, tracing and quarantine management

The organizer will follow the current Norwegian «Regulations on infection control measures etc. in case of a corona outbreak” and NIPH (FHI) recommendations regarding testing, infection tracing and follow-up of positive cases for everyone coming from abroad and for Norwegian people who will participate in the event.

Testing at the event is organized by the racer themselves together with their team.

All teams provide a form that everyone on the team has been tested and have a negative test-result. The form the teams will find at the accommodation and is delivered at the race office in the arena on arrival on the test day.

Positive test routines

- The infected person is responsible for isolating himself, reporting to the organizer and his close contacts.
- Close contacts in the same group / team / cohort are identified by the team immediately, using room lists and team layouts.
- Close contacts immediately perform a Rapid Test. Repeated daily.
- The COVID-19 team is responsible for adapted insulation.
- In the event of a positive test, the infection control physician must be informed immediately, in addition to everyone on the COVID-19 team.
- Other infection control measures can be introduced by the COVID-19 team in consultation with the municipal doctor in accordance with local infection regulations.

7. Information to all incoming participants before the event

This protocol will be updated if significant changes in COVID-19 regulations should be issued by local or national health authorities. The English version will be published in FIS information channel as soon as it is approved or updated.

8. Specific infection control measures for the following areas / places

Hotel

- Participants who are subject to quarantine shall stay in solitary confinement during the quarantine period.
- Participants who are subject to quarantine will have designated placing in the dining area.
- Face mask must be used in all common areas at the event hotels.

Use of indoor facilities at the hotel, including fitness facilities, massage / treatment rooms and meeting rooms after the sports quarantine has ended

- Athletes in quarantine are assigned dedicated times for the use of indoor fitness rooms.
- Other participants are free to use the areas from arrival.

Internal transport

- All transport takes place with the nations' dedicated vehicles.

Arena

- Organizer will keep athletes, leaders and officials separated from the spectators (min 2 meters).
- There will not be held any gatherings beyond the sporting events to avoid mixing with the locals.
- Breakfast/Dinner are served at the hotel / residence. Lunch in the arena will be organized.
- The bib will be handed out at the team captains meeting.
- Hang up in the specified place by the individual athlete after the finish.
- Distribution are done by an official who has followed internal procedures for disinfection and uses bandages.
- The prize giving ceremony will be carried out in accordance with current distance rules.
- Face mask must be worn in accredited areas and where distance requirements cannot be maintained

Arena security

- The organizer establishes access control and shell security in the areas so that unwanted audiences are not given access to stay in the vicinity of these areas.

Media

- Media follows the same rules as the volunteers and other implementation staff officials in the event.

Volunteers and other implementation staff

- Covid 19-testing av funksjonærer som vil være i kontakt med deltakere utføres onsdag 16/2 og Fredag 18/2 før fremmøte i arena.
- Covid 19 testing of officials who will be in contact with participants is carried out Wednesday 16/2 og Friday 18/2 before attending the arena.
- Volunteers presence at the arena shall be in accordance with rosters and in predefined limited areas
- Volunteers must wear face masks in accredited areas and where distance requirements cannot be met.

9. About the protocol

This protocol has been prepared in accordance with current requirements in the Covid-19 regulations with accompanying recommendations and guidelines on infection control given by NIPH and the Norwegian Directorate of Health, but based on an exception from current entry restrictions for foreigners given in the Immigration Act and exemptions from entry requirements in Covid -19 regulation.

Any changes in the regulations, as well as orders and input from national and local health authorities, will be continuously included and updated in the document.

The protocol has been prepared by Chair of the LOC; Are Fosse in collaboration with the Covid-19 team and the municipality's infection control doctor Toril Bøyum.