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1. EUROPE TRIATHLON MULTISPORT EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS KAISERWINKL-WALCHSEE

COVID-19 continues to cause significant challenges. We at AGO SPORTS, as organisers of the Europe Triathlon Multisport European Championships Kaiserwinkl, are committed to implementing all possible measures to comply with rules and good practice that counteract and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our first intention is to work constantly with the local authorities and to organise a safe event. The approach is to follow all WHO recommendations and respect and fully support the Austrian national health directives. Our other priority is the protection of the health and safety of the participants and all the people who will take part in the organization of the event.

Preventive measures will be put in place to limit the transmission of infection and minimise any risk.

The purpose of this document is to define the duties of the various parties operating in the context of the event, in order to limit the risk caused by COVID-19.

All individuals must carry a personal sense of responsibility in order to protect themselves and others from infection. This is first and foremost in keeping everybody safe. The defined guidelines must be implemented not only by all participants, Europe Triathlon staff, Austrian Triathlon Federation (ÖTRV) staff, volunteers and staff of the organization, but also by external parties (suppliers, visitors, etc.).

The Covid-19 Committee is established and meets at least once a month to define, implement and monitor actions as the health emergency develops.

The Covid-19 Committee is composed of:

- Race Director
- Safety and Covid Manager
- ÖTRV Covid Manager
- Medical Race Manager

The members of the Covid-19 Committee are authorized to access all information about the event that may be useful to limit the Covid-19 risk.

2. PURPOSE

The purposes of this document are:

- a) Take technical and organisational measures to contain the circulation of the virus.
- b) Manage participants, delegations, volunteers and staff with virus symptoms.
- c) Take measures to avoid situations with the risk of infection.
- d) Minimize the presence of staff, volunteers and technicians through:
 - The prohibition of access to the operational areas of the event by persons whose presence is not strictly necessary
 - The implementation of a digital information platform
 - Implementation of health management
- (e) Ensuring health protection.

(f) Stimulating correct actions.

(g) Strengthen cleaning and sanitation cycles.

3. VALIDITY

The content of this document is valid for as long as national or local emergency conditions continue and in any case unless otherwise communicated by the organization.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK REDUCTION

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) used the WHO risk assessment and risk prevention checklist for "mass gatherings" in the framework of the COVID-19 document to design the event.

The organization is implementing its activities in order to comply with local health authority protocols and minimize the risk of pandemic spread, keeping participants and the public safe and healthy.

A careful management of the timetable and access times of the participants will be implemented in order to access the competition areas with an adequate distance and an immediate exit once finished. The waiting areas will be restricted and controlled by volunteers.

Data collection systems (addresses - phone numbers - emails) will be used in order to manage the contacts of all participants (except the public) who will be present at the event. This includes athletes, race officials, coaches, managers, executives, volunteers, race staff. This will ensure that we can trace people potentially involved if a suspicious case is identified. Once confirmed, all isolation procedures and reporting to health authorities will be activated.

5. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Participants must behave in a responsible way during their stay and manage their personal safety by adopting and using at all times FFP2-face masks, personal hand sanitizers, have individual food and drink and avoid stopping in crowded places.
- Participants must be careful to always keep a distance of at least 1 meter from each other, especially those who show that they are not feeling well, have a cough, sneeze or may have a fever.
- If participants have symptoms showing acute breathing problems before, during or after the trip, they must seek medical assistance and inform their health care provider of their movements and travel history.
- People who feel sick (fever, cough) should stay at home and stay away from people until the symptoms resolve. In case of illness, you should stay away from the event!
- Participants must wash their hands frequently with soap and warm or alcohol-based water (at least 65-70%) and rub their hands for 20 seconds.
- Avoid handshakes, hugs and high-fives.
- Avoid steam baths or saunas.
- Avoid touching the mouth, nose or eyes.
- The sharing of equipment is prohibited, always use your own towels and water bottles.
- There must be no physical contact between participants, coaches or competition officials.

- Participants' travel insurance should cover medical treatment, return home and cancellation of the trip.

6. USE OF THE FFP2 FACE MASK

- The use of FFP2-face masks is mandatory for volunteers, competition officials, federation' staff and collaborators in various capacities.
- Participants must wear FFP2 face masks during any non-competitive activities
- The organizers will provide masks for participants in the finishing area

7. HEALTH SCREENING OF PARTICIPANTS

- Athletes must continuously monitor their health status (including temperature detection and monitoring of any symptoms) from 14 days before and during the event.
- For information and rules for travel to Austria, see the "TRAVEL" chapter of this guide
- A health coordinator will be appointed within the medical team. He will be responsible for coordinating and monitoring compliance and enforcement of health safety regulations.

8. INFECTION MANAGEMENT

Contact persons

Contact persons are persons that had contact in one of the below defined ways to a confirmed SARS-CoV-2 case during the contagious time period. The contagious time period starts 48 hours before the beginning of the first symptoms and until 14 days after. For cases without symptoms it is 48 hours prior to and 14 days after the test that led to a positive result.

- Someone that spent cumulative 15 minutes or more at a distance of less than 2 meters face to face with a confirmed case (especially household contacts)
- Someone that spent 15 minutes or more in the same room (e.g. meeting room) as a confirmed case
- People with one of the following types of contacts in an airplane or other types of long distance transport like busses or trains:
Direct seat neighbors of a confirmed case. If the confirmed case was seated next to the aisle, or the passenger was in the same row, but on the other side of the aisle, it is not regarded as contact person of category I but contact person of category II
- Crew members or other passengers, if the confirmed case suggests that other criteria applies (e.g. longer direct conversation)

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE:

Procedure in case of a positive antigen rapid test:

Positive antigen rapid test results for healthy persons without symptoms that did not have contact with a confirmed case must be confirmed by a molecular biological test (PCR test). This is not the case for people that have symptoms or are classified as contact persons of category I

Isolation in case of a positive antigen rapid test:

- A positive antigen test is regarded as a suspected COVID-19 case. It is required by law to forward positive antigen test results to the local authorities.
- If there is a second test (PCR), for example for cases without any symptoms, the isolation needs to be carried out at least until the result of the PCR test is available. In case of a positive result, an isolation/quarantine for 14 days follows. If the result is negative, the isolation ends.
- In suspected cases, everyone that is related to the organisation or participation of the event must stay at home or at the hotel and not go to the emergency rooms or doctor. The medical director or another responsible person must be informed.

The Medical Officer or the person responsible for COVID-19 must forward every positive antigen rapid test result to the responsible local authorities.

Emergency plan:

The emergency plan will be implemented based on the latest rules and regulations on race day.

9. ACCESS TO THE VENUE

The whole venue and in particular all indoor premises will be organised in such a manner, that physical distance (at least 1 meter) between athletes, officials, spectators (if allowed) and volunteers is guaranteed.

In the „public areas“ defined by the organizers, the spectators will also be asked to act according to social distancing rules

For all non-public areas, the 3G rule ‘Tested, Recovered, Vaccinated’ apply!!

Valid certificates for access to the race area:

- Antigen rapid test (48 hours) with certification!
- PCR-test (72 hours) medical certificate required!
- A proof of past infection is a medical or official confirmation of an infection with SARSCoV-2 within the last six months and confirmed by a molecular biological test (e.g. PCR test). Proof of neutralising antibodies, which must not be older than 3 months, is equivalent to such proof.
- A proof of vaccination with an officially sanctioned vaccine. The date of the first vaccination was at least 22 days ago and no more than 3 months, or a second vaccination, in which case the date of the first vaccination must not be more than nine months ago.

These documents have to be issued and presented in German or English.

10. AMBIENTS

The maximum capacity of

- Meeting rooms
- Race Office
- Registration Area

will be controlled by volunteers. Signs with the general COVID-19 rules will be put in place.

The sessions will be organised in such a way that the distance of at least 1 meter between individuals is respected. Air exchange is guaranteed by opening the windows throughout the day.

11. SECRETARIAL AREAS, MEETINGS, ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Surface sanitizing material (disinfectant and paper) is available.
- The use of microphones or similar devices is prohibited.
- Where possible, the room must be adequately ventilated before, during and after the meeting.
- In case food or drink is provided:
 - All food must be packaged at origin to avoid possible contamination.
 - The delivery person must be provided with a FFP2 face mask.
 - When using cutlery and crockery, preference should be given to disposable cutlery and crockery delivered in a sterile bag.
 - Waste must be properly separated and promptly removed and deposited in areas specially equipped for this purpose.

12. COMMON BEHAVIOURS

- Check the body temperature yourself before entering meetings.
- Physical contact (e.g. handshakes and hugs) is prohibited.
- The capacity of the premises must be respected, as well as reduced according to the COVID-19 containment measures.
- The minimum interpersonal distance of 1 meter must always be respected.
- Where it is not possible, due to technical or productive impediments, to respect the minimum distance of 1 meter between individuals, all compensatory measures must be taken (FFP2 face masks, hand cleansing gel and sanitising products).
- Constant personal hygiene with frequent hand washing.
- Any requirements imposed by health authorities must be communicated to the organisation.
- It is mandatory to inform those responsible for the organization of any influenza symptoms that may appear during the organizational and set-up activities.
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose with your hands.
- Keep the doors open (except for fire doors).
- Avoid the use of lifts (except for people with disabilities).

13. CLEANING AND SANITATION

In addition to the cleaning and sanitization measures already in place in common workplaces, further cleaning and sanitization of surfaces that most commonly come into direct contact with people are planned.

In specific entrance areas, products (disinfectant and paper) are supplied to perform self sanitization of vehicles and workstations.

Equipment (e.g. microphones, bike racks, tables, chairs, etc.) will be sanitized between races.

14. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANISATION MANAGERS, OFFICIALS, SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

DESCRIPTION

Implementation of guidelines to minimise the risk of contracting COVID-19

WHO

All Organization Managers, Europe Triathlon Federation Officials, ÖTRV Federation Officials, External Companies, Suppliers and Services Managers.

WHEN

During the activities of preparation, organization, during the stages of the race, during the dismantling phases and in any case during the entire time in the event venues.

HOW

- The organizing team provides information, training and education about:
 - Correct behavior during all phases of the event and specifically on the correct distances to be kept between individuals..
 - Correct use and storage of masks.
- Report any need for cleaning materials through the organisation's normal channels.
- Notification to the Management and Medical Manager on:
 - Any announcements from the health authorities.
When a volunteer, a collaborator, an athlete or any other person involved in the event has tested positive for the virus
 - Any direct exposure to contagion, even outside of work or the event.
- Implementation of all technical and organizational measures to ensure the social distancing rule of at least 1 meter during work activity is kept. Where this is not technically and organisationally possible:
 - Check for the presence and use of FFP2 face masks and hand disinfectant.
- Make sure that volunteers and employees are provided with FFP2 face masks.
- In addition to the correct use of the masks, ensure that all staff carry out the following measures:
 - Immediately report any symptoms that may appear during the event to the Medical or Organization Manager.
 - Always respect the social distancing rule of at least 1 meter (especially when sitting in rows)
 - If this is not possible for organizational or technical reasons, the compensatory measure is the obligation to wear a FFP2 face masks.
 - At the beginning of the shift and whenever deemed necessary, clean keyboards, touch screens and any other work tools that have been used by other personnel, using the material provided (paper and disinfectant).
 - Respect the maximum capacity of the premises.
 - Wash hands often and in particular after blowing your nose, before and after eating or drinking, using the toilet and handling the face mask. .

- o If you have to sneeze or cough, do it in a disposable handkerchief or with the elbow flexed and immediately throw the used tissues into a closed basket; wash your hands with soap and water or use alcoholic solutions.

Use of the race whistle by officials and volunteers

- The whistle is for personal use only and must never be shared.

15. ATHLETES SERVICE

a. TRANSPORT SERVICE

- There will be no transport service for athletes.

b. TRAINING FACILITIES

- Open Air Swimming Pool [Swimming Pool](#)

c. BRIEFING FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

- At World Triathlon events, all coach briefings are cancelled.
- The Elite athletes' briefing is not mandatory.
- All information about the race will be provided through online systems.
- The online briefing will be held on a date and time consistent with the World Triathlon Competition Rules and will take place online through the Zoom platform.
- Participants should attend the TD presentation. If people cannot attend the session in real time, the presentation will be recorded and published on the World Triathlon website and event website for later viewing.
- There are no penalties for those who arrive late or miss the online briefing.
- The TD of the event must send the presentation of the race briefing to World Triathlon two days before the date of the event and the file will be immediately uploaded on this page and made available to the athletes and trainees.
- The TD will be available for any clarifications in the pre-race period and can be reached by phone through an Austrian telephone number made available to the organizer. The telephone number of the TD will be communicated to all athletes through the "Athlete Guide" and the event page at www.triathlon.org.

d. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Registration and Accreditation are only possible with a valid negative test, certificate of a full recovery from COVID-19 or vaccination (3G-Rule):

- Antigen rapid test (48 hours) with certification
- PCR-test (72 hours)
- A proof of past infection is a medical or official confirmation of an infection with SARSCoV-2 within the last six months and confirmed by a molecular biological test (e.g. PCR test). Proof of neutralising antibodies, which must not be older than 3 months, is equivalent to such proof.

- A proof of vaccination with an officially sanctioned vaccine. The date of the first vaccination was at least 22 days ago but not longer than 3 months , or a second vaccination, in which case the date of the first vaccination must not be more than nine months ago.

These documents have to be issued and presented in German or English.

- If the respective regulations from the Austrian authorities change by race day, the latest regulations valid on race day will be implemented.
- Athletes must bring their own FFP2 face masks.
- Athletes must wear the FFP2 face mask during the whole registration process.
- A distance of 1 meter between individuals is to be kept in the registration facilities at all times.

RACE PACK DELIVERY

The athlete must pick up the race pack in person. Every athlete has to bring the following documents to the registration:

- Photo ID
- License of the national triathlon federation for European Championship starters
Attention: For the open race, ALL athletes that do not own an Austrian license have to have bought a day license or buy one directly at the registration
Prices: Aquabike and middle distance 16 €; Aquathlon 12 €; Relay 6 € per team member
- All athletes have to bring the medical questionnaire and declaration of consent to the race pack pick up.
[Pre-event questionnaire](#)
[Athletes Waiver](#)
- Companions are not allowed in the registration facilities.
- During registration, all athletes are required to wear a FFP2-mask and keep a distance of 2m to each other

Time slots for registration on site:

- **Aquathlon:**
Thursday, June 24: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm
- **Middle distance/Aquabike/Para-Triathlon:**
Friday, June 25: 10.00 am – 7.00 pm
Saturday, June 26: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Composition of the race pack:

- The preparation of the package and its packaging will be carried out following appropriate hygienic and sanitary measures.

- The timing chips and velcro will be disinfected according to the manufacturers' recommendations (both timing chips and velcro must be machine washed at 60 degrees Celsius for one hour).
- Only materials essential for the race (e.g. no promotional materials) will be included in the race package to reduce the packaging as much as possible.
- Finisher medals and finisher shirts are part of the race pack, to avoid mass gatherings.

e. COACHES AND COMPANIONS

Every athlete is allowed to bring one companion into the race bubble.

This person **must be registered**.

No one else is allowed to accompany the athlete (not even underage children). The registration data of the companion is stored by the covid manager and is annihilated 28 days after the event.

For all companions, registration is only possible with a valid negative test, certificate of a full recovery from COVID-19 or vaccination (3G-Rule):

- Antigen rapid test (48 hours) with certification
- PCR-test (72 hours)
- A proof of past infection is a medical or official confirmation of an infection with SARSCoV-2 within the last six months and confirmed by a molecular biological test (e.g. PCR test). Proof of neutralising antibodies, which must not be older than 3 months, is equivalent to such proof.
- A proof of vaccination with an officially sanctioned vaccine. The date of the first vaccination was at least 22 days ago but not more than 3 months, or a second vaccination, in which case the date of the first vaccination must not be more than nine months ago.

These documents have to be issued and presented in German or English.

Possibilities for tests on site:

If you do not have the possibility to do a test prior to the event, you can do an antigen rapid test (valid for 48 hours) in our test facility on site. The test is free for Austrian citizens and costs 25 € for non-Austrians

Date and time:

- Thursday, June 24: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- Friday, June 25: 10.00 am – 7.00 pm
- Saturday, June 26: 8.00 am – 8.00 pm

Place: EXPO area

All athletes and companions need to collect their wristband that is valid for Sunday June 27 by Saturday 6.00 pm to get access to the venue on race day.

There will be no pick-up and registration on race day!

f. BIKE CHECK-IN

- All activities are simplified and carried out in the shortest possible time to avoid crowds.
- All volunteers, officials and staff must wear FFP2 face masks.
- The athletes must keep a distance of 1 m within the area and in the queues.
- All controls of the competition equipment used by the athletes must be carried out visually.
- Officials may need to perform a manual inspection of equipment and facilities. In this case, hygienic wipes are available for the athletes to use to clean the equipment after the race control has checked it.
- All athletes must wear FFP2 face masks during this phase.

G. COURSE FAMILIRIZATIONS

- The swimming course inspection does not take place in order to avoid further mass gatherings and to ensure the safety of the participating athletes.
- Bike and running routes are signposted and can be viewed in compliance with road traffic regulations.

H. BIKE CHECK-OUT

- When checking out, the athletes must always keep a distance of 2 m and wear an FFP2 face mask.
- Officials may need to perform a physical inspection. In this case, disinfectant wipes are available for the athletes to clean the equipment after the officials have checked the equipment.
- The athletes are asked to contact the

Check out too start.

i. SWIM START

- Elite races, if approved by the national health authorities, are mass starts with a maximum of 75 athletes.
- The AG-Group races take place in single start mode to ensure the safety and risk of transmission for the athletes.
- At the beginning, the athletes are divided into a corridor with a maximum of 200 athletes. Athletes must wear an FFP2 face mask until the swim start.

j. TRANSITION ZONE

- The transition area included in the Organizers' Manual is designed to provide an adequate distance between athletes.

k. HYGIENE DURING THE RACE

- To reduce the risk of infection during the race and where there is a possibility of accidental contact between people, disinfectant gels will be placed in the transition, finish and start areas.

I. AID STATIONS

- The aid stations will be managed with a larger number of volunteers and according to World Triathlon rules.
- A team of volunteers will take care of the management of the aid stations
- All volunteers will wear FFP2 masks, disposable gloves and will keep a distance of 2 meters apart (where possible)
- The length of the aid stations will be longer than stipulated in the current World Triathlon rules, in order to avoid physical contact.

m. PENALTY BOX

- The penalty box will be managed according to World Triathlon regulations.
- It will be organised and positioned in such a way as to ensure that a distance of 1 meter between individuals is possible.

n. FINISH LINE

- The finish tape will be disinfected between the women's and men's race
- The photographers and cameramen will be positioned 1 meter apart
- After the finish line, the athletes will be directed to an area where they will receive a recovery package (food, drinks), also including a FFP2 face mask. Athletes immediately have to start wearing the mask after receiving it (except in cases of medical and health problems).
- Adjacent to the arrival area, there will be an advanced PMA medical tent.
- Athletes will be absolutely forbidden to sit or lie on the carpet (except in cases of medical and health problems).
- The arrival area will be managed with an adequate number of volunteers.

o. MEDAL CEREMONIES

The possibility of holding an award ceremony will be carefully considered. If it takes place, it will be organised as follows:

- The podium will have a distance of 2m between the medalists.
- The athletes will take the podium and collect their medal from the medal stand by themselves. Flowers and champagne are not allowed. Athletes have to wear a face mask during this activity.
- Only one VIP will be admitted to the prize-giving stage for each ceremony and will not be in close contact with the athletes. He/She must wear a mask for the whole duration
- Only one volunteer is involved in the ceremonies. They will place the trophies on separate trays for each athlete. The volunteer must wear a FFP2 face mask. The volunteer must disinfect the trays between the podiums.
- Handshakes or hugs between athletes should always be avoided.
- The VIP and the athletes can remove the mask for a photo at the end of the ceremony.

p. RACE JURY

- The Jury audition will take place in a room where a distance of 2 meters between individuals is guaranteed.
- All members of the competition Jury will maintain a distance of 1 meter from each other.

q. SPECTATORS

Spectators (if allowed) that enter the “non-public area”, will only be allowed to do so after registration and presentation of a negative test, a certificate of vaccination or a certificate of full recovery (see details in the section for coaches and companion or athletes respectively)

These documents must be issued and presented in English or German!

- Spectators in the public area alongside the courses may be asked by officials or local authorities to keep the minimum distance of 1 meter or wear a FFP2 face mask

16. SPECIFIC RULES FOR ELITE ATHLETES

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, the World Triathlon Medical Committee has made mandatory for all athletes to submit a pre-event medical certificate for participating in the event:

- The medical certificate must be issued in English by the National Federations’ medical staff or a personal doctor and submitted to the responsible person assigned by World Triathlon at the time of the race package distribution. Alternatively, the medical certificate can be submitted electronically to World Triathlon at (sport@triathlon.org);
- The certificate must declare that the athlete has been examined and he/she has not tested positive to PCR nasopharyngeal swab test and/or is not in quarantine and has been without any COVID-19 symptoms for the previous 14 days.
- The certificate must be signed by both a doctor and the athlete and should be issued no later than 72hs before the person’s travel day to the event.
- In the case of a previous positive PCR nasopharyngeal test, the athlete must provide two negative PCR tests:
 - o One must take place prior to the medical examination in order for the doctor to consider this fact when signing the certificate.
 - o The second must be issued as close as possible to the event date.
 - o Please note that we require athletes to submit PCR test results ONLY in the case of a previous positive PCR test. In all other cases, the athlete must only submit the medical certificate.
- A sample of the Pre-Travel Medical Certificate can be found in Appendix 1 of the World Triathlon COVID-19 guidelines.
- https://www.triathlon.org/uploads/docs/20200101_Covid19_Guidelines_4.11.pdf
- In cases where this certificate is not provided, the athlete will not be allowed to compete!

17. REFERENCES AND LINKS

- Austrian Ministry of Health
<https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Coronavirus.html>

18. COVID 19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Travelling to Austria and Pre-Travel-Clearance

In most countries the infection numbers have reduced considerably, so parallel to the loosened restrictions within Austria, the regulations for travelling to Austria will also be relaxed accordingly. For every type of entry to Austria, a proof in accordance with the 3G rule is necessary. As proof of vaccination, all vaccines registered by the EMA or authorised by WHO are considered valid. For travelling from states with virus variants stricter rules will apply.

The COVID-19-Entry Ordinance differentiates between two categories:

1. Travelling from countries with low COVID-19 numbers (Annex A): 3G Rule, no quarantine

These states are listed in Annex A of the COVID-19 travel restriction and include EU/EEA states as well as third party states with low incidence numbers. From these countries all types of travel to Austria – also for touristic purposes – is allowed.

Valid proof in accordance with the 3G rule is required for entering Austria.

Proof in accordance with the 3G rule:

VACCINATION:

- ❖ A vaccination certificate is a document confirming vaccination with a vaccine listed in **Annex I** of the COVID-19 Entry Regulations and the following conditions are met:
 - The date of the first vaccination was at least 22 days ago, but no be more than 3 months, or
 - a second vaccination, in which case the date of the first vaccination must not be more than nine months ago, or
 - the date of the first vaccination was at least 22 days ago in the case of vaccines for which only one vaccination is intended and in which case that vaccination must not be more than nine months ago
 - or a vaccination, provided that a positive molecular biological test for SARS-CoV-2 or evidence of neutralising antibodies was available at least 21 days prior to vaccination and the vaccination was not carried out more than nine months previously.

PAST INFECTION:

A proof of past infection is a medical or official confirmation of an infection with SARS-CoV-2 within the last six months and confirmed by a molecular biological test (e.g. PCR test). Proof of neutralising antibodies, which must not be older than 3 months, is equivalent to such proof.

Testing:

- In the case of a molecular biological test, the sample must have been taken a maximum of 72 hours ago.
- In the case of an antigen test a maximum of 48 hours.

- If you do not have a negative test result, you must have a test carried out at your own expense immediately and no later than 24 hours after entering the country. When entering the country, results from the official federal state test sites or issued by pharmacies are considered valid. In addition, results issued in the course of the weekly professional group tests are also valid. However, the so-called "self-tests" are not proof of a negative test result!

If you travel without a valid certificate from a doctor, test result, vaccination certificate or past infection certificate, you have to do a PCR or antigen rapid test immediately or at the latest 24 hours after you enter Austria.

The following countries are currently listed in Annex A: Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Island, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Czech Republic, Hungary, Vatican.

2. Travelling from states with virus variants (Annex B2): PCR test and quarantine

Entry from virus variant states (**Annex B2, currently Brazil, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom**) is only possible to a very limited extent.

In essence, only Austrian citizens and people with a place of residence or habitual abode in Austria are allowed to enter.

Entry for humanitarian reasons or in the urgent interest of the republic is also possible.

For people who come from a virus variant area or who have stayed in one in the past 10 days, the following applies:

Entry is only possible with a negative molecular biological test result (e.g. PCR). The obligation to test also applies to vaccinated and persons recovered from the virus. Austrians and people residing in Austria who have been in a virus variant state in the past 10 days are allowed to enter the country, but must do a PCR test within 24 hours. This is controlled by the health authorities.

Annex B2: Brasil, India, South Africa and the United Kingdom

From June 1, 2021, all aircraft from Great Britain will be banned from landing in Austria. The ordinance on the landing prohibition for aircraft thus covers the countries Brazil, India, South Africa and Great Britain. The validity of this ordinance will be extended until June 20, 2021.

Entry from other countries that cannot be found on Annex A or B2 is generally prohibited and only possible in exceptional cases - e.g. for work or study purposes. In any case, a 3-G proof must be provided upon entry. Vaccinated or persons recovered from the virus do not have to go into quarantine upon entry, but those who have been tested do. This can be ended from day 5 after entry (day of entry = 0) with a new negative test result.

The COVID-19 Entry Regulation also applies to children!

For children travelling under the supervision of an adult, the regulations are not quite as strict. For example, children are exempt from providing proof in the sense of the '3 G' rule upon entry into Austria until they are ten years old.

In the case of quarantine, the quarantine period shall be considered completed when the accompanying adult's quarantine has ended.

In any case, a registration for pre-travel clearance must be completed for the child concerned. For children travelling alone, the regular entry requirements such as registration for pre-travel clearance, testing and quarantine apply.

If minors between the ages of 10 and 18 are travelling to Austria without proof of vaccination or past infection, and the accompanying adult has such proof, they will need a negative test result/medical certificate of negative test result upon entry.

If this cannot be presented, the test must be taken within 24 hours.

In principle, electronic registration (pre-travel clearance) is required before each entry. This can be done at the earliest 72 hours before entry.

From June 10, 2021, the restrictions will be less strict:

A Pre-Travel-Clearance needed when entering Austria will only be necessary when entering from high-incidence states or virus variant states or when travelling without proof in accordance with the 3G rule (tested, vaccinated, recovered).

The last update of the COVID-19 travel restrictions came into effect on Tuesday June 1, 2021 and is valid until June 30, 2021.

Further links:

- <https://www.sozialministerium.at/en/Coronavirus/Information-in-English.html>

Legal background

This guide is regularly adapted according to the latest regulations of the Austrian health authorities.

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