

## GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

### COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

*(Status as at 10 December 2021)*

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Government of Egypt jointly developed a concept to prevent and mitigate the risks of COVID-19.

**The Government of Egypt will provide testing, as well as treatment, as necessary, in connection with COVID-19, to all Conference participants at no cost.** *(see section 8 for COVID-19 testing for travel purposes)*

All the participants who plan to attend in person will be required to strictly observe the precautionary and contingency measures during the Conference, as provided below.

#### ***1. Access to the Conference venue***

By presenting their badge upon entry to the Conference venue and as a condition of their entry, participants will automatically declare that they:

- (a) Have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19; or
- (b) Have recovered from COVID-19. If you have recovered from Covid-19, you do not have to test for the virus for 180 days from the end of the infection. You need your quarantine order or a medical certificate from your doctor to prove you have recovered from the infection. A positive test for antibodies neutralizing the virus is valid for 90 days from the date of testing; or
- (c) Have been tested negative on COVID-19 (PCR or antigen test) not earlier than 48 hours before their first entry to the Conference venue;
- (d) Will ensure to be subsequently tested at their hotels every 48 hours throughout their stay; and
- (e) Are familiar with and will adhere to the provisions set out in the present guidelines.

#### ***2. Sanitary and physical distancing measures***

Specific sanitary and physical distancing measures will be put into place at the Conference centre, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Automatic infrared temperature screening devices will be installed at all the entry points – participants whose temperature exceeds 37.2 degrees Celsius will be referred for further assessment by medical staff posted at the entry points
- (b) Hand sanitizers will be placed throughout the Conference venue
- (c) Participants must wear an FFP2 or a KN95 mask at all times inside the Conference venue, except when delivering statements or while drinking/eating
- (d) Participants must keep a **one-meter** physical distance from other participants.

#### ***3. Contact tracing during the Conference***

Participants will be requested to complete contact tracing sheets for each meeting they attend during the Conference and include the following information: the full name, country or organization and contact information, including email, phone number, hotel name and room number.

Local staff assigned to the Conference will collect attendance records with assigned seating arrangements for all meetings, through contact tracing sheets.

Conference participants identified as close contacts will be requested to closely monitor their health situation. Should they show any symptoms during this period, further testing will be conducted.

Close contacts will be requested to cooperate with the Conference medical team for its follow-up on their health condition and exercise particular caution, including by refraining from any non-essential and non-urgent outings. The host country's medical authorities will make the necessary arrangements for testing and follow-up with close contacts. As these requests are on voluntary basis and not enforced by law, the secretariat and the host Government will ask these Conference participants for their understanding and cooperation in this regard.

#### **4. Medical facilities at the Conference venue**

Two medical clinics will be set up at the Conference venue for the duration of the Conference. The clinics will deal with general health complaints as well as assessments related to COVID-19.

Each clinic will be staffed by two medical doctors and nurses. Ambulances will be stationed at the Conference venue.

#### **5. Mitigation measures at the Conference venue**

- In case of acute symptoms, suggestive of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste during the meeting, participants shall immediately contact one of the two medical clinics on-site, where they will be assessed, tested and referred for treatment (as well as transferred, if necessary).
- In case of symptoms related to COVID-19 outside Conference meeting hours, participants should follow the procedures provided below.

#### **6. Measures at the officially designated hotels**

##### *Prevention measures*

- All the Conference participants will be tested (antigen) upon arrival at each designated hotel at no cost to them
- All the Conference participants will subsequently be tested at their hotels every 48 hours throughout their stay at no cost to them
- All the Conference participants will have their temperature checked prior to boarding the shuttles for the Conference venue.

##### *Mitigation measures*

- Medical clinics will be set up by the host Government to cover all the designated hotels.
- Ambulances will be stationed in immediate proximity of each hotel.
- Should the antigen test be positive or should the temperature of a participant exceed 37.2 degrees Celsius, s/he will be immediately referred to the medical clinic.
- **Individuals who present or develop COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, during their stay at the hotel should contact the hotel reception immediately – the reception will contact the**

**medical team who will immediately arrange for testing, assessment, transfer by ambulance (if necessary), and isolation of the participant until further assessments are conducted.**

- Should quarantine for asymptomatic or mild cases be required at the isolation rooms at the hotels on the official list beyond 17 December 2021, the hotels will cover the associated costs.
- Conference participants who will not stay at any of the hotels on the official list will need to contact the hotel reception who will, in turn, connect them to the local medical authorities for subsequent follow-up with the Conference medical team.

### ***7. Quarantine requirements***

The current criteria for discharge from isolation established by the Ministry of Health of Egypt are as follows:

- In the case of symptomatic patients, the patient can be discharged after 10 days from the onset of symptoms and 72 hours after the alleviation of symptoms.
- For asymptomatic carriers of pathogens, the patient can be discharged:
  - (a) After 10 days from the day of the COVID-19 test sample is collected, or
  - (b) After 7 days from the day of the COVID-19 test sample is collected with 1 negative PCR result.

The Ministry of Health of Egypt has designated a medical institution – the Sharm el-Sheikh International Hospital - for the purpose of isolation of moderate or severe cases.

### ***8. COVID-19 testing for travel purposes***

The Conference medical team deployed at the venue and at hotels will also be able to conduct antigen or PCR testing for travelling purposes at a cost.

### ***9. Contact tracing after the Conference***

Participants who test positive within 14 days after the Conference must inform health authorities of their positive test via email to Dr. Hesham Magdy ([h.magdy@ymail.com](mailto:h.magdy@ymail.com)). Participants must also inform the Vienna International Centre Joint Medical Service of their positive test via email to [medical-admin.contact-point@iaea.org](mailto:medical-admin.contact-point@iaea.org).