



## COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TRAVELLING TO ITALY AND VISITING OR ATTENDING AN EVENT/ TRAINING IN UNGSC

Dear visitor,

The state of emergency in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic has come to an end in Italy on 31 March 2022. The Host Government has signed a new decree to define the changes, set to take effect until May 31, 2022.

This document aims to provide you with the key information during your stay in Italy and at UNGSC. You are therefore kindly requested to read the following information carefully:

### TRAVEL ADVISORY

#### ENTRY PROCEDURES

Provided that you do not show symptoms compatible with Covid-19, you may enter Italy without restrictions

For entry to the national territory, one of the following certificates will be sufficient:

- A. full vaccination with **EMA-authorised vaccine**, issued less than 9 months ago (EU Digital Certification or equivalent certification for Italian authorities);
- B. full vaccination with **EMA-authorised vaccine** and booster dose, in EU Digital Certification format or equivalent certification for Italian authorities;
- C. certificate of recovery from COVID-19, issued less than 6 months ago (EU Digital Certification format or equivalent certification for Italian authorities);
- D. negative molecular swab test result within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy or antigenic swab test within 48 hours prior to entry into Italy;
- E. No certification.**

If you do not have a certificate of vaccination, recovery or molecular or antigenic test, and you remain in Italy for more than 36 hours you must self-isolate for 5 days and get tested at the end of the isolation period.

#### EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATES

Currently, according to the Italian Ministry of Health, equivalent certificates for national purposes are those issued by Health Authorities in certain Extra EU Countries, if they respond to all requirements set forth by the Italian Ministry of Health.

The Italian Ministry of Health recognized the following as equivalent to the vaccines authorised in Italy:

1. Vaccines recognised by the EMA.

2. Covidshield (Serum Institute of India), licensed by AstraZeneca.
3. R-CoVI (R-Pharm) licensed by AstraZeneca.
4. Covid-19 vaccine-recombinant (Fiocruz) licensed by AstraZeneca.

Not all equivalent certificates are sufficient to enter Italy without further requirements. Kindly note that a certificate proving that you have received the first dose of a two-dose vaccine (meaning that you are waiting for the second dose) will not be enough to enter Italy from abroad without the obligation to self-isolate for 5 days and get tested at the end of the isolation period.

Vaccination and recovery certificates in Italy hold a validity of 6 months only, as of February 1, 2022. With Legislative Decree of February 4, 2022, n. 5, the Government established an exception to the 6-month rule. At present, in Italy, vaccination certificates showing proof of a third dose or "booster" shot hold an unlimited validity.

### **GREEN PASS AND MASKS IN ITALY AND OTHER CONTAINMENT MEASURES IN FORCE FROM MAY 1 TO JUNE 15, 2022**

**In Italy, there is no longer an obligation to show the so-called "Green Pass" (Digital Vaccination certificate) for access to transport, catering or hotel services, nor for access to other commercial facilities.**

#### **FACEMASKS**

From May 1 it is mandatory to wear a FFP2 mask in the following cases:

a) for access to and use of the following means of transport:

- aircrafts
- ships and ferries engaged in interregional transport services; and
- Interregional, Intercity, Intercity Night and High-Speed trains
- buses and coaches
- buses used for rental services with driver
- vehicles used in local or regional public transport services.
- school buses

b)

- for shows open to the public that take place indoors
- in theatres, concert halls, cinemas, entertainment and live music venues and other assimilated premises, sports events and competitions that take place indoors
- In addition, it is mandatory for workers, users and visitors of health, social and health care facilities to wear respiratory protection devices.

**It is recommended to wear respiratory protective devices in all indoor public places or places open to the public.**

The following are exempt from the requirement of wearing respiratory protective devices: a) children under six years of age; b) people with pathologies or disabilities that are incompatible with the use of the masks, as well as people who have to communicate with a disabled person in such a way that they cannot use a mask; c) people who are doing sports.

## COVID-19 UNGSC PROTOCOL

### 1. Access to the UNGSC premises.

You will not be requested to present a certificate of full COVID-19 vaccination to access the UNGSC workplace.

However, if you do not hold an EU approved vaccination certificate or equivalent with vaccines that are recognized by the WHO or by a Member State national health authority, please inform the UNGSC Clinic prior to your departure at [ungsc-clinic@un.org](mailto:ungsc-clinic@un.org) because you will be requested as per national regulations to self-isolate for 5 days and get tested at the end of the isolation period.

2. Please be reminded that when you travel on the UNGSC bus you must wear a FFP2 mask as for Italian regulations.

### 3. DURING THE EVENT

- **Strictly do not attend the event if you are unwell, have a fever, cough, or respiratory symptoms:**

If you become symptomatic with COVID-like illness at your hotel or at home, you are requested to inform the UNGSC Clinic nurses at [ungsc-clinic@un.org](mailto:ungsc-clinic@un.org). They will provide you with assistance accordingly.

If you become symptomatic with COVID-like illness in UNGSC, you are requested to leave the premises immediately, and seek medical attention, via email at [ungsc-clinic@un.org](mailto:ungsc-clinic@un.org) or by phone at 6201/6205.

- **All persons are to wear face masks in the meeting room, in crowded spaces, such as the queue at the cafeteria, during breaks and do not enter the base if symptoms compatible with Covid-19 occur,**
- Undertake regular preventive measures such as avoiding shaking hands, and regular handwashing, either by using water and soap or the non-touch dispensers available in the area.
- Doors and windows shall be open as much time as possible.

#### **COFFEE AND LUNCH BREAKS**

- **During coffee breaks food please be reminded to make more of an effort to keep your distance when you remove your facemask to eat or drink.**
- Please discard of the disposables for all food items immediately after use personally, in the dedicated bins and wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer afterwards.

Thank you very much for your cooperation

Best regards

OSH Team UNGSC