

## COVID-19 Protocol

### General information

- 1- It is advised for all participants attending this IPCC session to be up to date with their Covid-19 vaccines to protect themselves and their colleagues.
- 2- Neither the WMO/IPCC, nor the Government of Switzerland will be held responsible for any health problems related to COVID-19 and any other costs incurred following a positive COVID-19 test on arrival should it be required. Participants should make their own arrangements for health insurance and any other necessary insurance before travelling to Switzerland.
- 3- All participants are advised to obtain a health insurance that covers consequences of a COVID-19 infection.

### BEFORE JOINING THE MEETING

- 1- Please use the interactive [Travelcheck](#) tool to check what entry requirements apply in your individual situation. [Travelcheck](#) takes account of the entry requirements set by both the Federal Office of Public Health and the State Secretariat for Migration.
- 2- There is no entry test required to enter Switzerland, but testing is recommended for people who show symptoms
- 3- If your test is positive, please do not attend the session until you have had a two negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days.

### DURING YOUR STAY

All participants must adhere to the following measures.

#### **a. *Masks and social distancing:***

- In the conference indoor areas: masks are recommended but not mandatory, and we ask you to respect a 1.5 m social distance where practicable.
- Outdoors: Currently masks are not mandatory in Switzerland but outside we ask you to try to maintain social distancing and be aware of and respect others' needs for social distancing.
- Good hygiene is an essential measure to avoid the spread of Covid

- Hand hygiene with soap and water or, failing that, with the help of a hydro-alcoholic solution is an essential measure, as well as regular and frequent ventilation of enclosed spaces
- There will be hand sanitisers spread around the venue. Please use them before entering or when leaving a room, or whenever you feel it is necessary
- It is recommended to cough or sneeze into your elbow (and not into your hand), to blow your nose in a single-use handkerchief to be thrown immediately into a trash can ideally closed.

**b. Testing:**

- During registration, you will be provided with lateral test kit to support daily testing. The tests should be carried out in your room and reported to the contact point from the Secretariat (*jbaidya@wmo.int*), only if the test result is positive.
- Please carry out a first test on the day of your arrival. Then carry out a test every alternate day, before coming to the venue.

**IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR OTHER SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS**

- Please do not leave your room or come to the venue and immediately carry out a Lateral Flow Test, should you have COVID-19 symptoms or other symptoms of illness.
- The current list of symptoms as per Swiss COVID-19 guidance can be found [here](#).

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**IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE:**

- Please self-isolate in your room until you have two negative Lateral Flow Tests on two consecutive days.
- List the persons you have been in close contact with and inform the contact point from the Secretariat so that they can inform those affected.
- If symptoms get worse and you are unable to reach hotel staff, please contact the emergency number (144) from any phone in Switzerland to speak with the emergency services.