

Infection prevention and control measures during RC72

The WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) in collaboration with the Israeli health authorities have taken the necessary protective measures to ensure adequate indoor ventilation, regular environmental cleaning, and adequate distance between delegates at the RC72 venue during plenary and parallel sessions and breaks.

Masks and antigen tests will be made available at the session's venue and during networking receptions.

For updated information and official guidelines for daily life during COVID-19 please refer to the COVID Information Center, Israel Ministry of Health, available at <https://corona.health.gov.il/en/>.

COVID-19 vaccination

Although proof of vaccination is no longer required to enter Israel, WHO continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccination.

Physical distance

Participants are advised to keep a distance of at least one metre from others.

Mask-wearing

All delegates are advised to wear a well-fitted mask (covering nose and mouth) when a physical distance of at least one metre from other participants cannot be maintained or in poorly ventilated settings (e.g. when queuing up, in common areas in the hotel lobby, inside transportation provided by the event organizers, etc.).

Respiratory etiquette

Please cover mouth and nose with a bent elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of used tissues immediately and clean your hands regularly.

Hand hygiene

Participants are encouraged to clean their hands frequently with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water. At the conference venue, hand hygiene stations will be placed in strategic locations to ensure easy access.

Rapid antigen test

Delegates will be provided with SARS-CoV-2 antigen-detection rapid diagnostic tests. Delegates are encouraged to perform a daily test in the morning prior to joining RC72 sessions.

If you develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19

Delegates who test positive are advised to immediately isolate and inform the hotel management. They are asked to comply with Israeli protocol and stay at the hotel during the isolation period until recovery.

In case of a positive COVID-19 test result, you may contact the Kol Habriut call centre at *5400 for guidance, and later for a certificate of recovery according to Israeli protocol.

Recovered cases are considered to be those with a negative PCR test result or a negative result on an antigen test taken at an authorized testing site. A certificate of recovery will be received from an HMO after 5 full days of isolation (the day of the test being the first isolation day). For further instructions, please contact the Ministry of Health hotline at *5400. Non-Israeli citizens that test positive for COVID-19 during their stay in Israel must comply with the isolation guidance for non-Israelis (<https://corona.health.gov.il/en/isolation-lobby/isolation-entering-israel/>).

Please also inform the Secretariat, either directly or through your fellow delegates.

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