



2022 World Rowing Under 19 & 23 Championships

25 – 31 July 2022

COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

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1. INTRODUCTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT / PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Rules to enter Italy: The latest requirements are noted on the Italian Government website link: <https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english>.

Participating teams are requested to carefully read the rules as they may be different than the requirements to access the event.

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

Organising Committee COVID Manager:
Dott. Ing. Ambra Roversi
covidmanager@vareserowing.com
+39 388 4979440

The e-mail and the telephone number (by call or WhatsApp message) will be activated 2 weeks prior to the event (so from Friday 8th July 2022).

3. REQUIREMENTS TO ACCESS THE EVENT

COVID-19 Rules applicable for the 2022 World Rowing Under 19 & 23 Championships:

- a. **FFP2 Masks** must be always worn on transport (busses, trains etc.)
- b. **FFP2 Masks** must be worn in closed spaces (indoors)
- c. **FFP2 Masks** are recommended for outside spaces
- d. In any case should be always maintained a minimal distance of 1,5 m between participants.
- e. There is **no requirement** for a submission of a **PCR or antigen test result** for teams to access the event.
- f. There is **no obligation** to provide a pre-event health check form.
- g. There is **no requirement** for providing a vaccination certificate to participate in the event.
- h. Only athletes, members of the Teams and the Staff authorized can have access to the **Regatta Area**
- i. **The public** is admitted in the public grandstand and in the marketplace area

4. VENUE MEASURES

CONTROL COMMISSION:

- All people and staff at Control Commission are recommended to wear masks covering the mouth and nose. Regular sanitization of Bow numbers and GPS units would be done. Everyone must maintain an interpersonal distance of 1,5 metre.

BOATING PONTOONS:

- Will be sanitized frequently. Only athletes and workers will be able to access the pontoons. It will not be allowed to leave personal items on the pontoons.

ON THE WATER FOR RACING/TRAINING/WARM UP:

- There will be no substantial differences regarding the organization of the crews in the water during training and competitions.
- Dedicated courses for one-way walking flow will be organized to avoid gatherings and limit as much as possible people crossing paths.
- The doors must remain open where possible to avoid frequent contact with the hands of different people.
- Into closed spaces everyone must maintain a safe distance (1,5 m)

ACCREDITATION, TEAM REGISTRATION & TEAM INFORMATION CENTRE:

- Only one person in the accreditation centre at a time and only the designated Team Manager.
- The accreditation will be located outside under a tent, so a safe distance and the use of hand sanitizer will be required.

BOAT RACKING:

- Boat racking will be assigned by category, asking to all athletes to keep a safe distance between them

ATHLETE WEIGHING:

- Only one crew at a time will be allowed in the waiting area. Plastic shields will be installed to separate officials from athletes.
- Test scales will be regularly sanitized

TOILETS AND SHOWERS:

- Frequent sanitation and cleaning will be done

WARM UP ERGOMETERS:

- Ergos will be positioned at sufficient distance from each other based on local government requirements
- Each athlete must sanitize with products provided by the OC before and after use. In addition, OC volunteers will disinfect the ergometers frequently
- Teams who wish to bring their own ergometers will be able to; however, they must remain within the confinements of their own team tent to ensure social distancing from other teams. Teams will be responsible for their own frequent sanitation of their machines

TEAM TENTS AND ICE BATHS:

- Each tent will be positioned at a safe distance from each other, and the position will be pre-assigned based on the number of athletes for each team.
- Ice Baths will be allowed but must be provided by the teams and used according to current legislation. Space for ice baths is limited so teams must register their ice baths with the OC to ensure there is sufficient space for social distancing

TEAM MASSAGE AREAS:

- Each table will be in a separate and dedicated space
- At the end of each session the team must sanitize the area

5. LOGISTICS, MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

TEAM MANAGER MEETINGS:

- Team Manager Meetings will be held physically but with sufficient social distancing (at least 1,5 m)

CEREMONIES AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies will take place in open air (a safe distance is always recommended)
- Media or Jury outing will be presents outside in specific areas and each person will keep a safe distance from the others as much as possible
- A casual Nations reception will take place on the venue in open air

TRANSPORT:

- Wearing a FFP2 mask covering mouth and nose is mandatory within transport buses.
- Transport to and from airports and to and from the venue will follow the same regulations and procedures and will be provided by the OC.
- Shuttle travel will be defined in advance and organized by fixed groups, reducing the crossing of groups during the training and racing days on the site.
- The transfer from hotel–venue–hotel is recommended to be carried out by the OC shuttle service, included in the event service.
 - Teams can arrange their own transport; however, they are then responsible for their own sanitization and social distancing. More details around logistical requirements for this will be published
- The schedule will be made available, and the teams must strictly comply with the scheduled times for each group. The schedules will be fixed every training day, and the teams must choose their departure and return times, with no possibility of alteration after scheduling.
- The shuttle access will be checked by OC people. The number of passengers will be limited to ensure compliance with minimum distance rules.
- Grip zones especially for standing passengers will be periodically disinfected at the end of a bus tour.

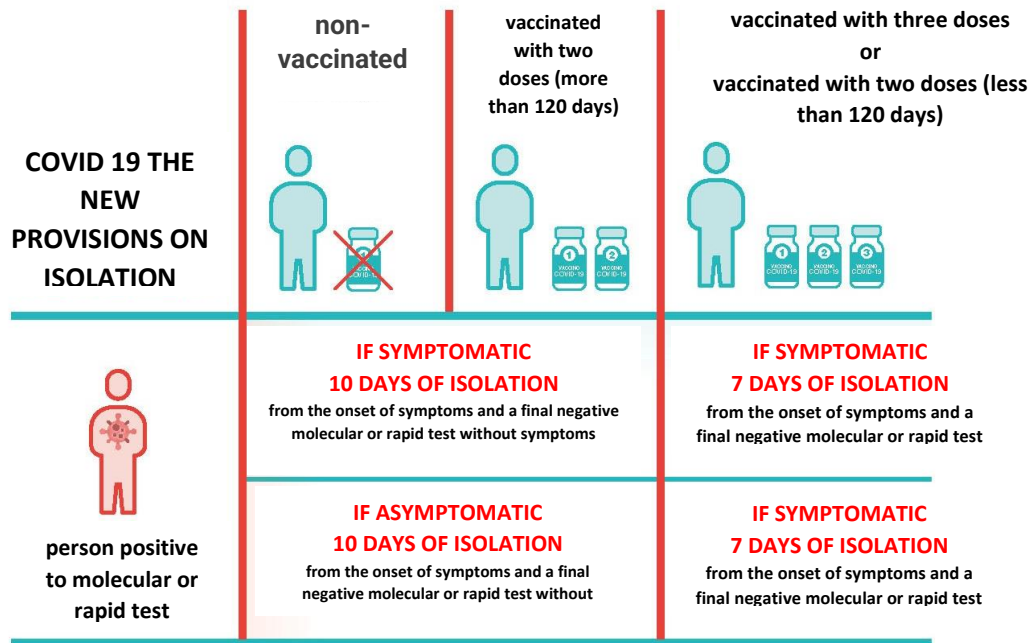
HOTEL:

- The OC will reserve additional rooms at the hotel in case isolation is needed for someone with a positive COVID test.
- Room sharing by athletes who are not on the same boat should be avoided where possible.

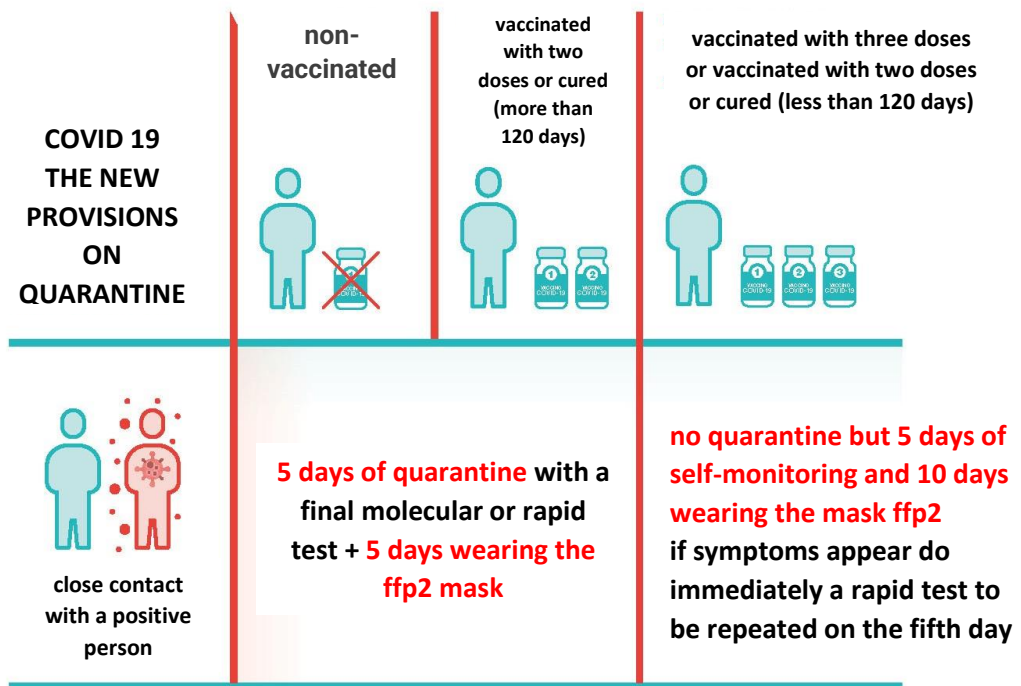
6. CASE MANAGEMENT (Medical checks during the event & isolation protocol)

- **During event, every morning before entering the venue the team doctor checks the health status of all team members including a symptom check:** if there are any symptoms reported, the team member must enter immediate isolation, check of body temperature, and may not enter the venue until medically cleared. The checks should be performed daily at least 2 hours before entering the venue and symptoms, (if any) reported by the Team Manager to the LOC COVID Officer on request.
- **Any confirmed or suspected cases** must be informed to the OC Covid Manager
By mail covidmanager@vareserowing.com
or by call +39 3884979440
- **When COVID-19 symptoms are present, or body temperature is elevated (>37 C)** – in addition to isolation in a room – a COVID-19 test should be performed.
- **Suspected cases AT THE VENUE:** If symptoms occur at the venue, person will be isolated in the onsite quarantine room and an antigen test will be conducted.
- **A person who has COVID-19 symptoms notified AT THE HOTEL:** should stay at the hotel and remain isolated in his/her room; the LOC will arrange for a rapid (antigen) test to be performed at the person's hotel.
- **In case of positive result of the rapid (antigen) test for SARS-CoV-2** – LOC COVID Officer performs isolation of COVID-19 case at a hotel room and removal from regatta.
World Rowing and the LOC COVID Officer would review the situation.
- **In case of negative result of the rapid (antigen) test but persistent signs and symptoms:** RT-PCR
- Identification and further procedure with close contact persons will follow the host country's Covid-19 laws and policies

• COVID-19 CASES



• CLOSE CONTACTS



• THE "CLOSE CONTACT" (HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE) OF A PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED CASE IS DEFINED AS:

- a person living in the same house as a COVID-19 case
- a person who has had direct physical contact with a COVID-19 case (for example handshake)
- a person who has had unprotected direct contact with the secretions of a COVID19 case (for example, touching used paper tissues with bare hands)
- a person who has had direct contact (face to face) with a COVID-19 case, at a distance of less than 1,5 meters and at least 15 minutes
- a person who has been in a closed environment (for example classroom, meeting room, hospital waiting room) with a VOC-19 case in the absence of suitable PPE
- a health professional or other person providing direct assistance to a COVID-19 case or laboratory personnel handling samples from a COVID-19 case without the use of recommended PPE facemasks or using unsuitable facemasks.
- a person who has travelled seated by train, plane or any other means of transport within two seats in any direction with respect to a COVID-case19; close contacts are also the travel

companions and the staff assigned to the section of the plane/train where the index case was sitting.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR MEASURES

Any participants requiring a “return home” COVID (either PCR or Rapid Antigen) test before leaving Varese, can be booked directly in:

• REGATTA AREA

Only PCR tests can be booked and provided onsite.

Pay attention to the following information:

- **By July 22** each team must send the formal request to the following email addresses:
 - benedetta.soru@analisibeccaria.com
(in c.c. the Covid Manager covidmanager@vareserowing.com)
- **By completing the attached documents:**
 - CPB Master Data Request Form_ENG: opening document of the customer registry (indicating the reference person for each team to whom the results will be sent)
 - form PCR Tests_ soc.sport._ENG: excel document for the data collection of athletes (only those indicated and with all the required information can be tested)
- **Dates available:** 28-29-30th July 2022
- **Booking timetable:** from 10.00 to 12.30 & from 15.00 to 16.30 on 28th July and 29th July
from 10.30 to 14.30 on 30th July
- **Cost:** 70€ each.
- **Billing:** direct to the National Team
- **Reporting time:** 24 h from the moment the tests arrive in the laboratory (please, pay attention to the time of your flight, the test limit according to the instructions of the airline and consider the time of sending data)
- **Sending results:** they will be sent massively to the reference person of each Team
- It's possible to print the results onsite asking in advance some information to the Covid Manager

• MALPENSA AIRPORT

- <https://docvg.it/?lang=en>
We are located at the Sheraton Hotel Milan Malpensa Airport T1 - The entrance to the testing area is adjacent to the entrance to the Sheraton
- <https://www.medairport.it/en/>
Every day from 05:30 to 22:00
Malpensa Terminal 1, arrivals floor, door 4

• LINATE AIRPORT

- <https://www.medairport.it/en/>
Every day from 05:00 to 19:30
Linate Aeroporto Forlanini departures floor
- **Sciortino Pharmacy, Arrivals Floor.** The rapid antigenic swab is available, without reservation, from 8 am to 7 pm and is reserved to the departing or arriving passengers in possession of a travel document. All other passengers interested in the service can book on +39 02 7560486 or directly at the pharmacy.

For more information don't hesitate to contact the Covid Manager.