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## MEDICAL CLEARANCE PROTOCOL FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

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### 1. General rules and principles

The following rules are mandatory for all accredited Media and Broadcast staff taking part into the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, Gdynia 2020. Any breach of these rules will result in **the cancellation of her/his accreditation** for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships held in Gdynia on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Wearing a mask covering the mouth and the nose is mandatory in all public areas at all time (except when seated at a table to eat their meal). The mask suggested for the purpose of these protocols should be preferably surgical masks, N95 masks or FFP-2 type masks, while other types might be accepted. The use of disposable surgical masks, N95 masks or FFP-2 type masks is in any case recommended during travelling.

Please avoid as much as possible any interaction with an individual who is not accredited or directly involved in the organisation of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships Gdynia 2020.

### 2. Medical Clearance Protocol

#### 2.1 General Information

The Medical Clearance Protocol contains two stages. All International accredited Media and Broadcast staff involved in the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships, will have to comply with the **Medical Clearance Protocol, Stage 1 and Stage 2**.

**National Media and Broadcasters (Polish staff) will have to comply with the  
Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 1.**

#### Stage 1:

- a) Have a consultation with a medical doctor performed at her/his living/training place before travelling to Poland or before arriving in the area of Gdynia and at the earliest on the **8<sup>th</sup> of October and the latest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October** to check for the presence of symptoms of a COVID-19 infection. The result of this consultation must be reported on the **Medical Examination Form** (will be send later) which should be filled, signed, and sent (see below, point d.).
- b) Perform one nasal swab for **PCR analysis** before travelling to Poland or before arriving in Gdynia and at the earliest on the **9<sup>th</sup> of October and the latest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October**: the swab must return negative result. The result must be sent (see below, point d.). Results from blood serological tests will **NOT** be accepted as a part of the Medical Clearance Protocol.



- c) Fill, sign and send (see below, point d.) the **Permission Form – Medical Information Release** (will be send later)
- d) Use the secured weblink sent to your personal email address to fill a medical survey and **download** (secured server managed by World Athletics IT and Health and Science Departments) the **Medical Examination Form**, the **Negative PCR analysis result**, and the **Permission Form – Medical Information Release**, before travelling to Poland or arriving in Gdynia.

#### Stage 2:

- a) Perform a second test to detect SARS CoV2 genetic material (PCR or LAMP) on a saliva or naso/oropharyngeal swab collected within one hour after arriving in Gdynia, at the earliest on **Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October at 8:00 am** and at the latest on **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October at 20:00**: **the swab must return negative result**. This Stage 2 is organized by the LOC Medical in coordination with the World Athletics Medical Delegate. The testing facility for the PCR nasal swab will be in **Marriott Courtyard hotel** on the first floor.
- b) All International Media arriving in Gdansk Airport (official port of entry) will be transferred to the Testing Facility (**Marriott Courtyard hotel**). Every person will have to wait for the tests results in the dedicated waiting rooms until he/she receives his/her test result (approximately one hour). Negative test result will be necessary to process to the hotel check-in. A shuttle bus will be used for transporting the Media to the Official Media Hotel (Blick Hotel).
- c) Should the second PCR analysis return positive result, the individual will have his/her accreditation not granted or removed and will have to follow a quarantine and an isolation process in accordance with the Polish Public Health Regulations (see paragraph 2.3).

**Failure to comply with either Stage 1 or Stage 2 of the Medical Clearance Protocol will prevent the individual to be accredited for the event.**

#### 2.2 Financial liability

The Medical Clearance Protocol, Stage 1 is under the full responsibility of:

- International and National Media for their respective staff and freelancers
- Broadcasting companies for the non-World Athletics Productions broadcasting staff

The Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 2 is under the shared responsibility of the LOC and World Athletics. Financing of the Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 2 for all International Media and Broadcasters is under the responsibility of the LOC. **The PCR tests conducted to be released from quarantine on a COVID-19 positive subject or a contact subject (see paragraph 2.3) must be paid by the person undertaking the test(s).**

#### 2.3 Management of a positive COVID-19 PCR test reported by an accredited person while staying on the Polish territory

According to the Polish Public Health Authority, each person who is tested positive (PCR) for COVID-19 while staying on the Polish territory will have to be isolated for a period of 10 days. The



place where this person will be isolated must be approved by the Gdynia Sanitary Authority. The infected person can decide to remain isolated, at his/her own expenses, in another place than the one managed by the Gdynia Sanitary Authority (rental apartment or hotel room, meal delivery services: list to be proposed upon request by the LOC).

After this period of 10 days the person will be released from isolation, without performing PCR test, if she/he is symptom-free. The person has the possibility to try to shorten the duration of the quarantine if she can show two consecutive negative PCR test results. These PCR tests can be performed in an independent laboratory, to get earlier appointment and results but it will not guarantee release from isolation.

All persons who had prolonged and close contact with an infected one (roommate, contact without mask and no respect of social distancing) are sent to quarantine as described above. Determination of the “contact persons” will be done by both the Head of the Gdynia Health Authority and the World Athletics Medical Delegate following the below description. The first PCR test is carried out, at the patient expenses, after 7 days from the date of contact. If the result from this PCR test is negative, the person is free to go. If the test is positive, then quarantine is maintained as described above.

#### 2.3.1 Definition of the risk levels of “contact subjects”

The following scenario are considered **at high risk for a contact** subject of a positive PCR test individual:

- has shared the living/hotel room (without mask) of an infected person,
- had a direct contact of less than 1 metre, whatever the duration (face to face without mask) with an infected person: meal, conversation, flirt, hugging, kissing,
- stayed face to face with an infected individual who had several episodes of coughing or sneezing (with or without mask),
- shared a confined space without mask for at least 15 minutes with an infected person (car, meeting or working room).

The following scenario are considered **at low risk for a contact** subject of a positive PCR test individual:

- speaking to an infected person through a plexiglass or window,
- surgical mask, N95 or FFP2 mask worn by the contact person or the infected person while both are in contact,
- home-made mask worn by **both** the contact and the infected persons,
- crossing an infected person in a corridor or a room for a short duration of time (few seconds)

### 3. Travel

#### 3.1 To ports of entry in Poland (airport, railway station, buses, and car)

Everyone will have to comply with travel regulations in force now of their trip and will need to ensure it has enough masks and hand sanitizers to protect her/himself during its trip at all time. The purchase of this material is at individual’s cost.



### 3.2 To Official Hotels

From Gdansk Airport, each individual arriving there will be given, by the LOC welcome desk, a kit including masks, hand sanitizers for their personal use during their stay. For those arriving through different ports of entry, this kit will be given at the Accreditation Centre in Gdynia.

Transfers from Gdansk Airport to the Stage 2 Testing Facility (**Marriott Courtyard hotel**) and to the **Official Media Hotel – Blick**, will be conducted with respect of sanitary rules in force at that time, but it is already agreed that:

- Vehicles used for transportation purpose cannot be used at more than 50% of their maximum capacity, in order to keep sanitary distancing;
- Vehicles will be disinfected before and between each trip;
- Masks will always be worn, by everyone in the bus or shuttle, including within the vehicles.
- Passengers will be invited to use hands sanitizers given to them at the welcome desk before entering in the buses and shuttles.

If Media arrive in Gdansk Airport and then to Gdynia on 16 October after 20:00 they must inform World Athletics in advance to schedule a Stage 2 test.

If individuals arrive directly to the Official Media Hotel, they will need to warn the LOC Organization in advance to plan their arrival which should happen between the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> of October (see paragraph 2.1). Immediately after their arrival at the hotel, and before checking in, they will be invited to take a PCR test (Medical Clearance Protocol Stage 2) in the Stage 2 Testing Facility (Marriott Courtyard hotel).

Upon arrival at the hotel, and right after being PCR tested, individuals will then go through the accreditation process. Checking in at the hotel will be done through a fast track and separate pathway.

## 4. Stay in Gdynia, Official Media Hotel

Wearing a mask covering the mouth and the nose is mandatory in all public areas at all times. The nominative accreditation will have to be worn at all times within the hotel area.

## 5. Media Operations on site

### 5.1 Interview possibilities

There will be only limited possibilities for Media to speak with athletes:

- Pre-Event Official Press Conference
- Mixed Zone
- Medallists Press Conferences



## 5.2 Pre-Event Official Press Conference

The Pre-Event Official Press Conference will be held at the Marriot Courtyard hotel organised with seating respecting social distancing and each guest on the head table having his/her own microphone. Selected athletes will attend, schedule to be prepared so one athlete will be present at a time. Each athlete interview will be maximum 10 min.

**Only accredited media will be allowed to attend.**

The head table for the speakers will be 2.5-3 m away from the 1<sup>st</sup> row of seats. On the head table no extra microphones will be allowed except the one from the audio system.

At the back of the room a platform for cameras (broadcasters, live streaming,...) will be in place. TV cameras will get the audio from an audio splitter at the back, where the platform will be. For not sharing microphones between the Media for questions, a microphone on a tripod in the middle of the room will be placed (2-3 m away from the seats around it) and media can go there - **one by one** - to ask their question. The Pre-Event Official Press Conference will be live streamed and no one to one interview with the athletes will be allowed.

## 5.3 Mixed Zone

A physical distancing of 2 metres will be applied between the interviewer and the athlete. The interviewer and its assisting staff will have to wear a mask, as the athlete will likely not wear a mask to answer questions.

## 5.4 Photographers

### 5.4.1 Photographers Head-On

The positions on the Head-On platform will be preassigned. Assigned photographers can take their positions 30 minutes after the race start and they will not be able to leave the position till the end of the race, while they will always have to wear a mask.

### 5.4.2 Other photo positions

Photographers can be around the course, in the gap between the course and the spectators. (if any). There will be along the loop racecourse defined entrance and exit points for photographers to circulate in this gap. A detailed map will be presented to photographers during the photo briefing.

## 5.5 Broadcasting

### 5.6.1 Rights Holding Broadcasters

On site, RHB Staff should operate through their own internal sanitary procedure. However, the RHB Staff is requested to limit to a strict minimum contact with athletes, team officials, other media and LOC and World Athletics staff. Should interaction with the above-mentioned groups occur, RHB Staff should follow a minimum social distancing of 1.5 metres (2 metres with athletes in mixed zone or post event) and wear mask.



The RHB Staff are permitted to work at the following areas only:

- Pre-Event Official Press Conference
- Media Centre
- Mixed Zone
- Medallists Press Conferences

#### 5.6.2 Host Broadcaster Compound

The Host Broadcast Compound will solely be accessible by the HB accredited Staff, no RHB Staff can access it and will have to contact the HB Liaison to coordinate the productions.