



## **COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL**

This document contains specific safety procedures and guidelines to provide a safe, productive and welcoming environment at the EOS 2022 Annual Congress in Limassol, Cyprus, from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The health and safety of participants and employees is our top priority. Government guidelines are constantly monitored and will be adhered to in order to guarantee a safe environment. Attendees will be informed of the latest safety requirements a few days before travelling to the Congress.

### **Health & Safety Protocol – updated on 15 May 2022.**

At this point in time, the epidemiological picture in Cyprus regarding the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV2) is optimistic but the risk of focal resurgence is always present, as well as the possibility of a new epidemic wave. The easing of measures is closely monitored, having always in mind the personal and collective safety of the citizens.

The specific measures outlined in this document may be adjusted or/and lifted according to the epidemiological conditions and the Decrees of the Minister of Health or/and revised guidelines.

## **SAFE ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL**

### **Before Leaving Home**

Follow relevant guidance provided by your local health authority regarding travelling from a country to another, exposure, testing, and quarantine related to COVID-19.

Stay home if you feel unwell. Stay home if you are knowingly exposed to COVID-19, develop symptoms of COVID-19, or test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days prior to the event.

### ***COVID-19 information for travellers to Cyprus***

1. Vaccinated or Recovered passengers, regardless of nationality, will be able to travel to and enter the Republic of Cyprus from any country of departure, without having the obligation to undergo a laboratory examination, provided that they fulfil one of the following conditions:

- They hold a digital European or equivalent from third countries COVID-19 Certificate of Vaccination or Recovery.
- They hold a valid vaccination certificate from the competent authorities of any third country, provided that the required doses of a vaccine accepted by the Republic of Cyprus have been completed.

2. Passengers who have not been vaccinated or do not hold a regardless of nationality, may travel to and enter the Republic of Cyprus from any country of departure, if they fulfil one of the following conditions:

- They have undergone a laboratory molecular examination (RT-PCR) 72 hours prior to departure, or
- They have undergone a Rapid antigen test 24 hours prior to departure.

**Safety measures onsite:**

**BASIC SAFETY RULES FOR ALL**  
**SMALL BUT IMPORTANT STEPS TO AVOID SPREADING THE VIRUS**



OK

Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based solutions



NO

Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth



NO

Sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not into your hands



OK

Cough into a tissue or your elbow, not into your hands



OK

Clean surfaces with chlorine or alcohol-based disinfectants



OK

Wear masks correctly

- 1) The organisers will provide attendees with the latest precautionary measures to be observed throughout the congress; these guidelines will be available in the congress app and displayed onsite.
- 2) Hand-sanitising stations will be placed throughout the venue and by catering stations.
- 3) Only registered participants can access the venue so that the maximum number of participants is guaranteed for safe distancing.
- 4) The venues have space and seating arrangements to allow individuals who wish to physically distance to do so comfortably. Outdoor areas are available for all attendees to have access to fresh air.
- 5) The technical guidelines on the use of air-condition and ventilation systems issued by the Labour Inspection Department of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (<https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/pdf/erg31.pdf>) are adhered to in all indoor areas.
- 6) The event staff is trained on the safety measures and protocol to be able to minimise infection risks for both the public and other staff.
- 7) The use of a face mask is mandatory in all indoor public spaces for everyone aged 13 and above.
- 8) If, at any time, during the event you feel unwell, develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19, please kindly remain in your hotel room and immediately inform the Health and Safety Manager, Melina Schini at +357 99661716.

***Testing facilities in Limassol***

It is recommended that all citizens, regardless of vaccination history, undergo a self-test or Rapid test once a week.

- a) Citizens can undergo rapid antigen tests only at the **licensed clinical laboratories** which are the main bodies responsible for carrying out tests, as well as at the **licensed pharmacies**. The maximum charge according to a decision of the Council of Ministers, is set at EUR 10.
- b) Citizens can purchase COVID self-test kit from the pharmacies - the maximum price limit has been set on the packaging of 5 self-tests at the price of EUR 6.



- c) Mobile units of the Ministry of Health will carry out sample checks only on weekends for the purpose of epidemiological surveillance of the population and will be accessible to all citizens regardless of vaccination history. All citizens must carry proof of identity for identification purposes.

Mobile testing units are announced here:

<https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/eng/categories/testing-units-en>

***Private laboratories in Limassol for PCR test or Rapid Antigen Test for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2***

Schedule an appointment for a PCR test at one of the following private labs in Limassol

Clinical Laboratory Collaboration - Bioanalysis Clinical Labs (Limassol)

Telephone: +357 25726252

Website: [www.bio-analysis.com/en/](http://www.bio-analysis.com/en/)

Laboratory Molecular Department American Medical Centre

Telephone: +357 25357585

Website: <https://amc.com.cy/>

Mediterranean Hospital of Cyprus Laboratory

Telephone: +357 25200000

Website: [www.medihospital.com.cy](http://www.medihospital.com.cy)

Ygia Polyclinic Private Hospital Clinical Laboratory

Telephone: +357 25884600

Website: [www.ygiapolyclinic.com](http://www.ygiapolyclinic.com)

PZ Agapiou Diagnostiki Lemesou

Telephone: +357 25381373

Website: <https://www.pzalab.com/>

«ANALYSIS Christina Hadjipanayi» Clinical Lab

Telephone: +357 25353331



***Covid-19 testing labs at the airports***

Covid-19 laboratory tests can be undertaken at Larnaka or Pafos Airports. For further information, please visit the official Hermes Airports website at <https://www.hermesairports.com/covid-19/covid-19-test-labs>

**After the event**

Based on current contact-tracing advice, if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19 at the event or develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive up to 10 days after returning home, please immediately contact the Health and Safety Manager, Melina Schini at +357 99661716.

**Thank you for your co-operation and enjoy your stay in Limassol!**