

## Covid-19 Rules and regulations

### Covid-19 Safety concept



The pandemic influences the organisation of a congress and of course your personal planning intensely. Please be aware that we are very attentive to every detail to ensure a smoothly running event for you. The information below will be continuously updated to reflect the current situation.

### Cancellation due to Covid-19

- In the event of the in-person conference having to be cancelled due to Covid-19 measures we will conduct the conference virtually. In this case, all delegates registered for the in-person event will be offered a full refund of the registration fee or a partial refund with the option to switch to virtual participation.
- If you have registered for in-person participation, but cannot attend due to Covid-19 (you have Covid-19, you have symptoms of Covid-19, you have been told to isolate, or there are new restrictions in place that prevent you from travelling), but you **can attend virtually**, let us know as soon as possible and send formal confirmation or proof of your status. Your registration will then be shifted to virtual participation and you will get a refund of the difference of the two fees, minus a CHF 50.- administrative fee.
- If you are unable to attend due to Covid-19 (you have Covid-19, you have symptoms of Covid-19, you have been told to isolate, or there are new restrictions in place that prevent you from travelling), and **you cannot attend virtually either**, let us know as soon as possible and send formal confirmation or proof of your status. Your registration fee will be refunded, minus a CHF 100.- administrative fee. We will not cover the cost of any cancelled travel or accommodation and advise you to arrange travel insurance.

## Symptoms

- Persons showing symptoms of Covid-19 are requested to leave the premises and/or the site immediately. They are advised to return to their hotel / home wearing a hygiene mask and to follow the instructions given by the BAG in the event of symptoms of the disease.
- In the event of an infection after the event, the cantonal authorities will be informed immediately.

## Covid-certificate and testing

- Access to the congress facilities is only possible with a valid Covid-19 certificate, either the Swiss certificate or a recognized foreign certificate. No admittance without a valid Covid-19 certificate. The 3-G-rule applies – vaccination against Covid-19, recovery from the disease or a recent negative test result. You can check on this website if your certificate is valid in Switzerland or how to apply for one: <https://www.covid-certificate-form.admin.ch/foreign>
- Certificates will be checked at the entrance by our staff and have to be presented together with an official document of identification. Once the certificate has been confirmed, the participant will receive a colourful silicon bracelet which has to be worn at all times.
- Certificates have to be checked daily; a new colour of bracelet will be provided for each day.
- Non-vaccinated participants have to be tested according to the current rules and regulations. A test certificate is valid for the specified number of hours. After that time period, a new test has to be carried out. Testing is the responsibility of the participant, who also has to cover the costs. A testing facility can be found at the hospital Davos (<https://www.spitaldavos.ch/de/corona-testen-davos>) or at any of the local pharmacies.

## Inside the building

- Once inside the building, participants do not need to wear masks. It is advised that a distance of 1.5 meters between participants or staff is kept at all times.
- The World Biodiversity Forum organizers have a dedicated person in charge of compliance with Covid-19 regulations and responsible for the implementation and realisation of the Covid-19 concept.
- Dispensers with disinfectant are located at the entrances and exits to the congress centre and in every room.

- Entry and exit management as well as on-site registration are organised in such a way that spacing rules are respected. Congestion is avoided, floor markings or people guidance systems are in place.
- Doors and/or windows are left open as much as feasible to ensure sufficient ventilation.
- Door handles, handrails, lift knobs, surfaces, armrests of chairs and other equipment and objects that are often touched by several people are cleaned and disinfected regularly, but at least before and after each event in the hall concerned, using a professional cleaner.
- Within an event, the premises and work equipment (table surfaces, pens, flipcharts) are cleaned and disinfected at every break.
- If the CO2 target value is exceeded, the ventilation systems of the congress centre switch on automatically. Only fresh air is blown in from outside via the switched-on unit.
- Eating and drinking is permitted. The in-house catering service operates in compliance with all safety regulations and in accordance with the Gastro Suisse protection concept.

#### **Non-compliance with the regulations**

- Violations by participants against the measures and non-compliance with rules and regulations will result in the person being expelled from WBF and the congress facilities.