

# **COVID-19 PLAN**



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4<sup>th</sup> UNDERWATER VIDEO  
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## PROMULGATION LETTER

The Contingency Plan (COVID-19 Plan), for the World Championship (18<sup>th</sup> Underwater photography and 4<sup>th</sup> Underwater Video), defines a set of rules, procedures and guidelines, which structure the planning and intervention models, in an effective and coordinated way, to prevent the eventual transmission of infection by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, which causes the disease COVID-19.

This plan also intends to include a systematized set of guidelines, through response planning and the concrete actions to be taken, in a preventive or damage minimization way, in case of an eventual occurrence of virus transmission, avoiding its propagation, through an adequate and thoughtful management of the available resources and alternatives.

Therefore, all measures issued by the Regional health authorities should be adopted, regarding the recommendations for infection prevention and control, which include the use and disposal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and in particular, the procedures for decontamination of spaces and reusable materials.

Any questions can be answered on a permanent basis, through the SRS 24 Hotline (800242420)

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Underwater Photography and Video World Championships are the peak international event for the underwater sport of underwater photography and video. The event is conducted on behalf of the Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS) and this year affiliated by Portuguese Federation of Underwater Activities that will have as partners, Madeira Regional Government, and Madeira Swimming Association.

These championships were first held in 1985 and will have the 18<sup>th</sup> Underwater photography and 4<sup>th</sup> Underwater video edition in Porto Santo Island.

Notwithstanding the accumulated experience of Portuguese Federation of Underwater Activities and Madeira Swimming Association, the present framework requires additional measures, regarding the need of anticipating and managing the impact, of the current outbreak of disease by Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, causal agent of COVID-19.

The New Coronavirus 2019-nCoV (COVID-19), is the official name given by the World Health Organization (WHO), to the disease caused by a new coronavirus, that can cause severe respiratory infection such as pneumonia.

This virus was first identified in humans in late 2019 in the Chinese city of Wuhan, Hubei province, and cases have been confirmed in other countries.

The most common symptoms of the disease are fever, cough, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, the infection can cause pneumonia.

The incubation period, known as, the time that elapses between the moment a person is infected and the appearance of the first symptoms, can diverge between 2 and 14 days.

The current context requires organizations to adopt exceptional preventive measures of Public Health, according to the response phase to avoid the spread of the virus, complying with what is established in the Joint Order n<sup>o</sup>. 32/2020, March 6, issued by the Vice-Presidency of the Regional Government and Parliamentary Affairs and the Regional Secretariat of Health and Civil Protection, which determine the requirement for the preparation of an Internal Contingency Plan for all organizations and entities.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The Contingency Plan (COVID-19 Plan), for Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, hereafter referred to as the Plan, aims to include a systematic set of guidelines, through response planning and concrete actions to be taken, in a preventive or damage minimization way, when facing an epidemic situation triggered by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, causing the disease COVID-19, preventing the spread of this disease, through an appropriate and considered management of resources and available alternatives.

The management and prevention of the impact of the virus on the organization of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, has the preventive and strategic objective of ensuring the appropriate response that minimizes the conditions for COVID-19 spreading.

The present plan also aims at coordinating with the specific plans of the different organizations and entities that support and cooperate in Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, as well as with all official entities that may guarantee support in case of a pandemic.

## **ACTIVATION PLAN**

The Contingency Plan for Underwater Photography and Video World Championships is activated by determination of the event's Director, following advice from the safety coordinator, and, at each moment, the scope of measures will be considered in light of the available data.

The Plan is deactivated by the events Director, following a proposal from the safety coordinator, based on the guidelines of the Regional Health and Civil Protection Secretariat and/or the Institute of Health Administration, IP-RAM (IASAÚDE, IP-RAM), and aims at the full resumption of competitive activities integrated in the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, safeguarding the mitigation measures that enable risk limitation.

## **PREVENTION AND MONITORING**

Prevention and monitoring, begins with the approval of this plan and includes, among others considered necessary, the following measures:

1. Follow the guidelines transmitted by the Regional Health and Civil Protection Secretariat and/or the Institute for Health Administration, IP-RAM;
2. Strengthen the information flows, in the plan's coordination structure, in order to enable the early and timely detection of suspected cases and/or outbreaks;
3. Consider the potential impact, caused by the transmission of the disease, on the event coordination structure;
4. Acquisition of equipment (individual protection KIT's), to be delivered to the event's coordination structure, collaborators and service providers;
5. Involve the coordinators of the contingency plans of the remaining areas of intervention, in the preparation of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, through sector meetings;
6. Prepare cleaning and rapid intervention teams (cleaning and disinfection), following DGS Guideline nº14/2020 of 21/03/2020 (circular information 79/2020) on cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in public service establishments or similar;
7. Distribute alcohol-based solutions in all the spaces, where there are shared areas and where the risk analysis justifies;
8. Ensure the existence/preparation or re-adaptation of isolation/containment rooms in the hotel infrastructure, integrated in Underwater Photography and Video World Championships;
9. Disseminate the Plan, through its formal delivery, ensuring that the premise of massive dissemination is fulfilled;
10. Alert the event's coordination structure, collaborators or service providers, for the knowledge of the disease's symptoms, transmission mode and preventive self-protection measures;

11. Raise awareness of basic hand hygiene procedures, respiratory etiquette procedures and social conduct procedures through information posted in infrastructures;
12. Evaluate and keep the Plan updated, with the purpose of optimising prevention and mitigation activities, in the face of a viral outbreak, carrying out a continuous and uniform internal evaluation, which will review and issue standards, processes and procedures;
13. Monitoring of the suitability of the facilities that serve as the isolation area, for the purposes of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships considering the following requirements:
  - a. The "isolation" area must have natural ventilation, or mechanical ventilation system, and have smooth, washable coverings;
  - b. This area should preferably be equipped with a chair or couch (for rest and comfort, pending validation of the case and eventual transportation by the competent authority);
  - c. Have emergency kit with water, and some non-perishable food, waste container (with non-manual opening and plastic bag);
  - d. Also have an alcohol based antiseptic solution - SABA (available inside and at the entrance of this area);
  - e. Paper towels, mask(s), disposable gloves, thermometer and antipyretics.
  - a) In or near this area, there should be a properly equipped sanitary facility, equipped with soap dispenser and paper towels, for the exclusive use of symptom/suspect case patients.
14. Considering also the importance of prevention and monitoring in the success of the plan, the following basic rules should be widely disseminated:
  - a) Physical safety distancing between different groups;
  - b) Frequent hand washing (hygienist)
  - c) Compliance with the respiratory etiquette, foreseen for the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, in accordance with the normative guidelines of mandatory use of COVID-19 protective mask (FFP2 or surgical type mask) in Madeira Autonomous Region;
  - d) Cleaning and cleanliness of the integrated spaces, in accordance with the cleanliness plan for the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships;
  - e) Individual responsibility on compliance with the rules for all event's coordination structure elements, collaborators or service providers.

## **COMPETITORS AND TEAMS**

Given the emerging global pandemic situation, caused by the new coronavirus SARS-COV-2, the Madeira Regional Government has been concerned about the protection and well-being of its citizens and tourists. In this sense, Madeira and Porto Santo islands are a pioneer destination in the fight against COVID-19, being the first region in Portugal to have a Contingency Plan for Emerging Infections, to develop a document of good practices and create an online platform madeirasafe.com for registration of travellers.

As a result of the timely promotion of safeguarding the public health of the population and the prompt adoption of measures by the Regional Government of Madeira to contain and reduce the epidemic, the risk of contagion and the progression of COVID-19, the RAM currently presents a controlled epidemiological framework, with a low rate of infection and active cases.

## **GENERAL CONTINGENCY RULES FOR EMERGING INFECTIONS**

### **COMPETITORS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

#### **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEY**

All passengers (competitors, support teams), must fill out the mandatory epidemiological survey, provided by the Regional Health Authority, on the digital platform madeirasafe.com.

The completion can be done in the 48 to 12 hours prior to departure to the Autonomous Region of Madeira (RAM) and must be done individually, by each passenger, or in the physical impossibility of its realization, by the delegate of the respective team. The result of the PCR test must also be submitted on the same platform.

Once the registration is completed, the passenger receives a notification, via email, with the access code and respective QR Code, to be presented on arrival at Madeira International Airports.

The registration data with the detailed results of the PCR tests, must be sent to the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships organization, at least 8 (eight) hours before the estimated time of arrival at the Madeira International Airports.

#### **THERMAL SORTING**

All passengers arriving at Madeira International Airports, without exception, are subject to thermal screening. In the case of delegations with larger contingents, or in the case of simultaneous arrivals, complementary measures may be adopted at the airport.

#### **TESTING OF COVID-19**

All passengers, when disembarking at Madeira International Airports, must have a negative PCR test for COVID-19, carried out in the 72 hours prior to boarding, in laboratories certified by national or international authorities.



## **SECOND TEST**

All passengers (athletes and support teams), integrated in Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, arriving in flights coming from any territory outside the Autonomous Region of Madeira, are obliged to take the second SARS-CoV-2 screening PCR test, between the fifth and the seventh day after the first test, and must guarantee, during the period between the arrival and the second test, the prophylactic isolation in the hotel units associated to the event, as well as the full compliance with the surveillance and self-reporting of symptoms and the COVID-19 prevention measures.

In order to allow the admission in the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, all competitors and teams have to fulfil the following rules:

1. All competitors and support teams, will do antigen tests for covid-19, after arriving at the Hotel, according to previous schedule planning;
2. Travel exclusively from the hotel unit, to Porto Santo Marina, in vehicles assigned to the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, returning immediately to prophylactic isolation after the session is over.
3. During the prophylactic isolation period, additional mitigation measures will be imposed, which do not compromise the planning of training and competitive preparation, through the guidelines transmitted by the Regional Secretariat of Health and Civil Protection and/or the Institute of Health Administration, IP-RAM.

## **MONITORING**

All participants and support teams will be monitored through the app Madeira Safe To Discover, of the Regional Health Authority, of voluntary use, but recommended by the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships organization, or through telephone contact.

## **COMPETITION**

All participants, support teams, organization, volunteers and service providers must deliver, or send to the organization of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, the epidemiological questionnaires duly signed, and report any changes that may occur.

Any concealment of information, or changes to the data provided in the survey, will be subject to investigation.

## **COVID POSITIVE SCENARIO**

In case of positive SARS-CoV-2 screening PCR test, the participant will be disqualified of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships and have to do the prophylactic isolation in the hotel units associated to the event. All the close contacts will be tested, with special attention to roommates;

Additional measures on the close contacts prophylactic isolation will be transmitted according to guidelines transmitted by the Regional Secretariat of Health and Civil Protection and/or the Institute of Health Administration, IP-RAM;

In case of hospital internment, the expenses regarding treatment have to be supported by personal insurance;

The Underwater Photography and Video World Championships organization does not cover/support additional costs concerning flight changes, hotel additional costs regarding prophylactic isolation requirements;

## **OTHER PROCEDURES**

1. The covid tests in Madeira is paid by the organisation;
2. The requirements back home are each one responsibility. We support the accommodation until 5 days after the 10 of October, after this is the person responsibility. Changing flights is person responsibility.
3. The organisation is prepared to support a lot things and will cover several situations regarding covid. But if someone don't follow the rules of the organisation and by some reason have positive covid, that person is 100% responsible for everything and supports all, so the previous point nº2 doesn't apply.
4. If the event is canceled by us we refund 100%. This is when people didn't travel yet.
5. If someone cancel and don't come we refund 85% of the value, if this is done until 17-09-2021, by Covid reasons.

## **TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**

For the purposes of this plan, all drivers, whether they are employees or service providers, must have, in addition to their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the compulsory measurement of body temperature (whose general record is compiled daily), whenever they start a shift on duty, an emergency kit to be used in case of suspicion of COVID-19, on board buses or vehicles, whether logistical or award vehicles. The emergency kit for transport and logistics is made up as follows

1. Properly secured FFP2 or surgical type mask;
2. Pair of disposable gloves;
3. Individual alcohol-based solution.

Regarding the conditions of the transport services inherent to the event, the following should be ensured.

1. Drivers must be advised to reduce interaction, with participants, to the indispensable minimum, maintaining the relational standards of courtesy and support strictly necessary;
2. Collective use dispensers, alcohol-based antiseptic solution (SABA), or other alcohol-based solution that allows hand sanitization at the entrance of the vehicles;

3. Whenever possible, windows should be opened during transport to allow constant circulation of air from the inside to the outside of the bus. If this is not possible, the air conditioning with air renewal circuit should be put into operation;
4. Signposting of places, when the vehicle allows it, so as to ensure the recommended distance;
5. Prohibition of using the first rows of seats;
6. In the case of logistic transportation of luggage, the participant must be the one to collect/retrieve his luggage from the luggage compartment.
7. Non-reusable gloves will be distributed to drivers for use during the service. They should be deposited in a proper place for this purpose after each use, as their use is not compulsory;
8. Direct, close contact between drivers and participants should be avoided.

In case of suspicion on board one of the vehicles, the procedure will be triggered by the driver, and the vehicle will be immobilized and the passengers cannot leave it, until the order of the health authority.

The entrance in the transports associated to the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships, is only allowed to participants that present the respective credential.

## **SANITARY FACILITIES, CHANGING ROOMS, LOCKERS AND SHOWERS**

The sanitary facilities and changing rooms used for the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships must be fully open.

The frequent cleaning and disinfection of these spaces, as well as the remaining equipment, objects, utensils and surfaces, must be carried out in accordance with the DGS guideline 014/2020 (ANNEX I), for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in public service establishments or similar.

Participants and accompanying persons will be asked to sanitize the spaces used before and after their use, in order to support the standard of cleanliness of the Underwater Photography and Video World Championships.

# SECURITY AND SAFETY

## MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In the context of pandemic COVID-19, in the experimental relief response, it is important to reassess the risk of infection in contact with the patient. In this context, all operators involved in the rescue should question some epidemiological data and some clinical data:

<b>Epidemiological data</b>	Travel history of areas with COVID 19 in the last 14 days?	Contact with confirmed case COVID in the last 14 days?
<b>Clinical Data</b>	Flu-like symptoms (cough or fever or breathing difficulties)?	

If the answer to any of the three previous questions is affirmative, the user should be isolated and the contingency plan in place should be activated by calling the SRS24 line (800242420).

All professionals of the emergency response system should have the necessary training/information to act according to the contingency plan.

As defined in SRPC operational standard (1307/2020), all users should be approached as follows:

1. Put on intermediate PPE before contact with the service user (FFP2 mask, goggles/face shield, impermeable gown and nitrile gloves);
2. Explain to the user the need for some distance;
3. Provide the service user with surgical mask at the initial approach and alcohol-based solution (SABA) at the entrance of the ambulance;
4. Operatives should limit their actions to what is strictly necessary;
5. In cases of invasive and high-risk care, staff should reinforce their PPE according to DGS guidelines.

Regular disinfection of surfaces, especially after possible treatments, is ensured by the medical team.

Operational rules for the aquatic and medical emergency are an integral part of the Integrated Emergency Plan and are not subject to analysis in this plan.

## **MEDICAL ASPECTS**

### **CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE DEFINITION OF A COVID CASE**

A risk assessment questionnaire for SARS-CoV2 infection should be applied to all athletes and support teams attending the facilities, and the result should be **NEGATIVE**. In cases identified as **POSSIBLE** or **PROBABLE**, the SRS24 line should be contacted, which will issue guidelines to be followed.

#### **CLINICAL:**

At least one of the following criteria:

- Cough de novo or worsening of usual pattern;
- Fever (body temperature  $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) without other attributable cause;
- Difficulty breathing without other attributable cause;
- Loss of sense of smell, of sudden onset;
- Diminished or loss of taste, of sudden onset.

#### **EPIDEMIOLOGICAL:**

At least one of the following criteria in the past 14 days, in the existence of at least one clinical criterion:

- Contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19;
- History of travel to areas of active community transmission;
- Resident or worker in an institution where persons in vulnerable situations are present and where there is documented transmission of COVID-19;
- Unprotected laboratory exposure to biological material infected/containing SARS-COV-2.

#### **IMAGIOLOGICAL**

- - X-ray and CT scan with specific findings

#### **LABORATORIAL**

- RNA and Antigen detection

#### **COVID CASE CLASSIFICATION:**

- **POSSIBLE CASE** - person who meets clinical criteria.
- **PROBABLE CASE** - person who has clinical + epidemiological criteria or clinical and imagological criteria.
- **CONFIRMED CASE** - person who meets laboratory criteria.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

This document has a final version update in the official website. Until the competition it is possible to have more than one version because of the Pandemic situation in the World that is always in constant adaptation and analysis.