



# COVID-19 HEALTH PROTOCOL V2

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## INTRODUCTION

Dear WEC Competitors, Officials, Support and Organisational staff,

We would like to wish everyone a warm welcome to WEC Season 10.

Looking to 2022, Season 10 marks an exciting landmark for us a championship as we celebrate ten years since the WEC's inception back in 2012. It will be a time to get together and to reflect on how far we have come, and also one of excitement as we look to the future too.

With two years of experience working with the COVID-19 situation, we are well prepared and in a strong position to deliver our events smoothly. Nevertheless, the pandemic is not over and we must all work together to guarantee everyone's safety.

We have all witnessed over the past 24 months just how quickly the health situation can change with the arrival of new variants so alongside local authorities, the circuit, medical experts, the FIA and the ACO - we all have a role to play.

It is important that we remain vigilant and as always, our main target is to ensure that risks are kept to a minimum and that the WEC family is as safe as possible at our events.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

We wish every one of you a safe and successful season ahead.

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The health and safety of the WEC competitors, associated industries, suppliers and employees has always been a priority since the pandemic began. As part of the fight against the spread of the “COVID-19” coronavirus, specific preventive measures are being rolled out in addition to our Rules and Regulations, with a view to the protection of public health and the personal prevention of risks associated with the epidemic.

This protocol aims to clarify the COVID-19 guidelines for travel and stay in Belgium in order not to endanger the organisation of the Event and to assure a safe stay in Belgium in accordance with the Belgian Federal Law.

This plan will constantly be adapted to comply with the current regulatory and health situation in the relevant country in order to minimise the risk of COVID-19 and their variants exposure and spread.

LMEM reserves the right to change, update or modify this protocol at any time before or during an event.

#### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19? \*

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Other symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include aches and pains, nasal congestion, headache, conjunctivitis, sore throat, diarrhoea, loss of taste or smell or a rash on skin or discoloration of fingers or toes. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but only have very mild or no symptoms.

\* Source WHO



### HOW TO PROPERLY WEAR A MASK? \*

1. Before touching the mask, clean hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
2. Take the mask and inspect it for tears or holes.
3. Orient which side is the top side (where the metal strip is).
4. Ensure the proper side of the mask faces outwards (the coloured side).
5. Place the mask to your face. Pinch the metal strip or stiff edge of the mask so it moulds to the shape of your nose.
6. Pull down the mask's bottom so it covers your mouth and your chin.
7. Do not touch the mask while you are wearing it for protection.
8. After use, take off the mask with clean hands; remove the elastic loops from behind the ears while keeping the mask away from your face and clothes, to avoid touching potentially contaminated surfaces of the mask.
9. Discard the mask in a closed bin immediately after use. Do not reuse the mask.
10. Perform hand hygiene after touching or discarding the mask – Use alcohol-based hand rub or, if visibly soiled, wash your hands with soap and water.

**In order to guarantee optimal safety and to minimize the risks of virus transmission, wearing a face mask (surgical or washable state homologated) is recommended in the WEC paddock and pit lane and in all indoors areas at the Spa-francorchamps circuit**

**Remember that masks are not a substitute for other, more effective ways to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 such as frequently washing your hands, covering your cough with the bend of elbow or tissue and maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from others.**



\* Source WHO



# HOW TO WEAR A NON-MEDICAL FABRIC MASK SAFELY

[who.int/epi-win](http://who.int/epi-win)

## Do's →



Clean your hands before touching the mask



Inspect the mask for damage or if dirty



Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides



Cover your mouth, nose, and chin



Avoid touching the mask



Clean your hands before removing the mask



Remove the mask by the straps behind the ears or head



Pull the mask away from your face



Store the mask in a clean plastic, resealable bag if it is not dirty or wet and you plan to re-use it



Remove the mask by the straps when taking it out of the bag



Wash the mask in soap or detergent, preferably with hot water, at least once a day



Clean your hands after removing the mask

## Don'ts →



Do not use a mask that looks damaged



Do not wear a loose mask



Do not wear the mask under the nose



Do not remove the mask where there are people within 2 metres



Do not use a mask that is difficult to breathe through



Do not wear a dirty or wet mask



Do not share your mask with others

**A fabric mask can protect others around you. To protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19, remember to keep at least 2 metres distance from others, clean your hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your face and mask.**



# HOW TO WEAR A MEDICAL MASK SAFELY

[who.int/epi-win](http://who.int/epi-win)

## Do's →



Wash your hands before touching the mask



Inspect the mask for tears or holes



Find the top side, where the metal piece or stiff edge is



Ensure the colored-side faces outwards



Place the metal piece or stiff edge over your nose



Cover your mouth, nose, and chin



Adjust the mask to your face without leaving gaps on the sides



Avoid touching the mask



Remove the mask from behind the ears or head



Keep the mask away from you and surfaces while removing it



Discard the mask immediately after use preferably into a closed bin



Wash your hands after discarding the mask

## Don'ts →



Do not Use a ripped or damp mask



Do not wear the mask only over mouth or nose



Do not wear a loose mask



Do not touch the front of the mask



Do not remove the mask to talk to someone or do other things that would require touching the mask



Do not leave your used mask within the reach of others



Do not re-use the mask

**Remember that masks alone cannot protect you from COVID-19. Maintain at least 1 metre distance from others and wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, even while wearing a mask.**



It is critical and mandatory that every person allowed to take part in the Event follows the guidelines from this health protocol to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

In this context, the COVID-19 Code of Conduct of Appendix S of the FIA International Sporting Code is applied to the Event as a mandatory part of its regulations, also used to establish this protocol and constitutes the regulatory basis of the sporting authority.

It is the responsibility of each Team manager and/or Organization representative from a company attending the event to ensure all members/employees of its organization:

- Are familiar with this health protocol and its modifications before travelling to the Event.
- Respect this health protocol at all times during the Event.
- Have prepared the means to respect this health protocol.



### PRE-EVENT:

- Each person travelling to Belgium must be aware of the specific restrictions to which she/he is subject, depending on her/his departure from country/region.  
<https://diplomatie.belgium.be/en>
- **It is recommended that each person wishing to come to the TotalEnergies 6 Hours of Spa-francorchamps perform a PCR/Rapid test the day before travelling.**
- Should any person have symptoms during the event, it will be the responsibility of the individual to stay at the hotel and contact the COVID-19 coordinator (+33 6 24 36 16 31).
- Early identification of infected/potentially infected people, to enable initiation of relevant quarantine or isolation measures, is vital in mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- To access and exit the circuit, it will be mandatory to respect the indicated routes/direction of travel.
- If any person had been in contact with an infected individual within 14 days before the beginning of the event, they should NOT attend the event.

### LIFE IN THE PADDOCK:

- It is recommended that any person allowed and accredited to take part in the event promotes the use of regular and effective core transmission mitigation measures.
- In order to guarantee optimal safety and to minimise the risks of virus transmission, wearing a face mask (surgical or washable state homologated) will be recommended in all in all indoor areas inside the circuit (pit building, race control, organisation office, briefing room, media centre ...)
- Each team will be permitted to use its team unit in the paddock as catering for its staff if they wish.
- Fan attendance will be present in all areas of the facility, including the paddock, throughout the event.
- No COVID-19 PCR or rapid testing facilities will be set up at the circuit. Should you wish to be tested, you will have to go to the CHRAM from Malmedy, Rue Devant les Religieuses 2, B-4960, Malmedy
- Guidelines will be provided that act as a reference point for relevant information and facilitate a consistent, workable approach for motorsport competitions in a COVID-19 operating environment.



- All circuit facilities and toilets will be cleaned regularly daily. It is highly recommended to teams that they clean all touch surfaces as often as possible (minimum 3 times a day) to reduce the transmission of the virus which may be present upon them.
- Media/Driver engagements should be conducted in a controlled/spaced manner and media are recommended to wear masks when interacting with drivers.
- Outside its allocated space, each member of a group will have to respect the transmission mitigation measures (i.e. in the paddock, organisation office, race control, scrutineering area, stewards' office ...).
- Inside the circuit facilities, everybody will have to respect the indicated routes/direction of travel.
- Each team will have to facilitate the visits of officials, suppliers, manufacturers in their garage with increased transmission mitigation measures.
- We recommend that every competitor has hydroalcoholic gel dispensers in their pit garages, team catering or motorhome to ensure their staff can easily sanitise their hands at any time
- In accordance with the Belgium health dpt, a specific attention must be paid to the aeration and ventilation of any closed space by allowing a regular air exchange in any closed space by means such as windows opening or natural or mechanical aeration
- Each person must clean/wash hands before & after going to the restrooms.
- Inside the circuit, everyone must follow the indications signs which can be either on the ground or on the walls in order to allow social distancing.
- The COVID-19 Unit will use the dedicated communication device of each championship to exchange information concerning COVID-19. To contact the COVID-19 Unit please use the following this number: **+33 6 24 36 16 31**.



## SPORTING ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURES:

- Team Manager Administrative checks will be held in a specific office dedicated for this purpose, at specific scheduled slots. Wearing a mask and respecting social distancing will be recommended.
  - Drivers Administrative checks will be completed digitally. The organisation will provide you with the information later. For any new drivers, team managers have to send the Drivers' licences (front and back) by email to [c.macedo@fiawec.com](mailto:c.macedo@fiawec.com) as quickly as possible. Then it will also be requested to the Team managers to upload the drivers licences on the ACO Tech online platform.
  - The Drivers' equipment must be declared online, on the ACO Tech Online platform. At any time, if any doubt, drivers will be allowed to go to the scrutineering area to get assistance or any further explanation.
  - For scrutineering: Teams will have to certify the conformity of their cars on the ACO Tech Online platform before each event (deadline will be announced in due course). Should teams need to use the scales or scrutineers' tools, scrutineering will be available in accordance with the timetable.
  - Track walk will be held at a scheduled time. Each group will have to pay attention to minimize interaction with other groups' members.
  - Drivers and Team Managers' briefings will be held in the briefing room, wearing a mask will be mandatory for all the briefings.
  - Race Direction, Stewards, Scrutineers and timekeeping will remain available during the whole event, but it's highly recommended to use the digital devices to communicate (WEC Discord, email, phone). Wearing a mask and respecting social distancing will be recommended if you visit one of these locations during the event.
  - FIA WEC organisation office will remain open for all, nevertheless we will be asking all competitors to limit their visits to the office and wearing a mask and respecting social distancing will be recommended.
  - Stewards: all notifications and calls to hearings will be made through the WEC Discord. When conducting a face-to-face hearing, it is recommended that all participants wear an appropriate face mask (surgical or washable state homologated) and respect social distancing. Additionally, any hard surfaces should be suitably cleaned prior to a hearing with a different participant.
  - No autograph session will be organised.
- A normal starting grid procedure will be organised at the TotalEnergies 6 Hours of Spa-francorchamps event
- Pre-podium ceremony will be organised down the podium for the winning car of each category



- Podium ceremony will be organised directly on the Spa-francorchamps circuit podium.
- The post-qualifying and post-race press conference will be held in the briefing room with only the winning line-up of each category, one category at a time. The press conference will be conducted by the WEC media delegate and filmed. The video will be available on the official website and other dedicated platforms. There will be an individually filmed pre-event press conference which will be held in the briefing room.
- There will be no media mixed zone at the circuit for this event.

#### BELGIAN GOVERNEMENT RULES:

<https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>

#### POST-EVENT:

- **Each person coming back to his country must be aware of the specific restrictions to which she/he is subject, depending on her/his departure country/region.**
- **We highly recommend that each person perform a PCR/Rapid test 4 days after the event.**