



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform the participants of the 2022 European Championships about the entry requirements and other useful information / guidelines regarding the Covid-19 situation in Spain.

In addition to these guidelines, the host organising committee will strictly follow the advice and measures put in place by their local and national health authorities.

Please take into consideration that the information outlined in this document is for informative purposes, and that the Spanish Government could change the entry requirements / regulations based on the evolving pandemic situation.

1.1 The Current Situation in Spain

There are currently various measures, rules and bans in place in Spain to contain the coronavirus. The following overview shows the rules and bans that currently apply nationwide:

1. Maintain a **physical interpersonal distance of at least 1.5 meters** with people with whom you do not live (cohabitants)
2. **Wash hands** frequently and meticulously.
3. When **coughing or sneezing**, cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow. Use disposable tissues to remove respiratory secretions and throw them away after use. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, as the hands facilitate the transmission of coronavirus.
4. **The use of a mask is compulsory** in those over 6 years of age:
 - **In hospitals, pharmacies, public transport and private bus or taxi services.**
 - **In the workplace if the employer decides that is mandatory to do so.**
 - ~~In any closed space for public use or that is open to the public-~~
 - ~~In any outdoor space in which the safety distance (1.5 meters) between people cannot be applied, except for groups of cohabitants-~~
 - ~~In large outdoor events, when public is standing or if, while seated, it is not possible to maintain 1.5 meters of distance between people, except for groups of cohabitants-~~

Use of the mask in the hall is recommended but will not be mandatory, except in some duly marked areas where wearing a mask will be mandatory.

1.2 General Guidelines and Preventive Measures

Players, coaches, tournament staff and volunteers all have a joint responsibility for ensuring that their movements take place in a way that limit any potential spread of infection. It is very important that the preventive measures are closely followed in accordance with the general guidelines of the health authorities.

In order to create a safe and secure environment during the competition period, kindly ensure that you follow the basic preventative measures at all times:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Wear a mask **in the areas where you see a "mask mandatory" sign at all times, unless you are on court or eating**

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- Offices (secretariat, media room, BE room, volunteers lounge...etc)
- Transport bus

- Cough or sneeze in your sleeve
- Maintain physical distancing (at least 1.5 m)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care immediately
- If you have mild respiratory symptoms seek medical advice

2 COVID-19 Testing and Entry Requirements

1.3 Entry requirements

The latest information on the entry requirements to Spain are available on the following website: www.spth.gob.es.

The following documents and procedures are required to enter Spain:

a) Health QR Code

In order to enter Spain, all passengers, regardless of the country of origin (except children under the age of 12 and passengers in international transit), must show one of these documents:

- An EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE OR EU EQUIVALENT of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative certificate of an active infection diagnostic test or a recovery certificate after having this disease.
- SpTH QR. If you do not have the EU Digital COVID Certificate or equivalent, you must complete the SpTH Health Control Form, manually entering the details of your vaccination, recovery or diagnostic test certificate.

The vaccination certificate with complete schedule for children under 18 has no expiry date.

~~All travellers entering Spain, regardless of their nationality, age, vaccination status or other considerations, must fill the Health Control Form and obtain a QR code which must be presented when boarding and upon arrival to Spain. The FCS form can be accessed on the <https://www.spth.gob.es> website or by using the mobile app. Once the form is submitted you will get the Health QR Code that you will have to show (paper or mobile) at the airport health control to be able to continue your trip.~~

The mobile application can be downloaded from the following pages:

Android: <https://spain-travel-health.en.uptodown.com/android>

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/spth/id1521156190>

b) Passengers from risk countries

From 7 June 2021, all those passengers from a country/area that has a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus risk, must present at least one of the following:

1) certification of vaccination against COVID-19 (vaccine approved by the EMA or WHO):

The document needs to include the date of vaccination with full schedule, at least 14

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days prior to arrival in Spain, with vaccines authorised by the [European Medicines Agency](#) or by the [World Health Organisation](#), and country where vaccinated.

2) a negative certificate of a Diagnostic Test of Active Infection:

The document needs to include the date of sampling, identification and contact details of the centre performing the analysis, technique used and negative result.

- Nucleic acid amplification tests (NAAT), which detect the genetic material of the virus (e.g. PCR, TMA, LAMP, NEAR etc.), **carried out within 72 hours prior to arrival in Spain.**
- Rapid antigen detection tests (RAT), which detect the presence of virus antigens, **carried out within 48 hours prior to arrival in Spain.** The accepted tests are those approved by the European Commission, which can be found in the following [link](#).

3) a certificate of Recovery after having passed this disease.

The document needs to include the date of the first positive test, and indicate that the passenger has passed the disease and is not infectious-contagious at the present time, and the country where the certificate was issued. They may submit a certificate of recovery provided that more than 11 days have elapsed since the first positive NAAT test was performed. This certificate shall be valid for 180 days thereafter.

This can be an EU Digital COVID Certificate, or a supporting document of those indicated above, whether the traveller arrives from an EU member state or from a third country. In the case of certificates or supporting documents (vaccination, diagnostic test, recovery) are not EU Digital COVID Certificates, they must be the original document, in Spanish, English, French or German, and may be submitted in paper or electronic format. If it is not possible to obtain it in these languages, it must be accompanied by a translation into Spanish by an official body.

[The list of risk countries/areas can be seen on this link.](#) (The list is updated every week)

c) Non-Schengen countries

Participants travelling from outside the Schengen Area may need a certificate from the organization to travel to Spain. Each team must fill and send, in advance, the **non-Schengen Visa application form** with their names, surnames, passport ID and travelling dates (arrival and departure).

The visa form document can be downloaded [here](#)

Deadline to send the form is 4 April 2022 to ec22.info@badminton.es and events@badmintoneurope.com.

d) Visa

Participants who are required to apply for visa to enter Spain should contact the tournament host to receive a visa support letter. It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visa in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.

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e) Tournament testing

Badminton Europe will not enforce any additional pre-arrival testing for this tournament, except if the Local Health Authorities Covid-19 regulations require to do so.

f) Insurance

Specific **COVID-19 insurance** is not currently required to enter Spain. However, we advise all participants to have a personal insurance covering any situation including COVID-19 hospitalization, quarantine and any other costs. The Local Organising Committee or Badminton Europe is not responsible for any costs related to COVID-19 during the tournament.

2.1 Testing Strategy

There will be no mandatory quarantine and/or in-competition testing enforced on participants. However, the organization will offer a testing service for those who may need it. More information on this topic in "Covid testing information" document

2.3 Arrival information

Official practice will be possible from Sunday 24 April 15.00 until Monday 25 April 16.00. Players and team entourage who wish to be involved in the practice, shall coordinate their arrival times accordingly.

2.4 Protocols in the case of a positive test

a) Positive case at the event: You will not need to isolate unless you have heavy symptoms. However, for BEC regulations, if you test positive you won't be allowed to play and you will be automatically withdrawn from the tournament.

~~Immediately self-isolate in the hotel room and inform the organising committee, who will then inform the local health authority. The isolation period is for 7 days. If sharing a room, then the roommate will be moved to another room.~~

~~The Local Health Authority does not make exceptions for positive cases that had a previous COVID-19 infection or that have been vaccinated.~~

If the person develops shortness of breath or chest pain, they should call 112 for medical assistance.

More information about this topics can be found on [this link](#).

b) Contact tracing: The Spanish Health Authority will carry out contact tracing in the case of a positive test. The tracing decisions by the authority will be final and all players and team officials as well as the local organising committee, Badminton Europe and Spanish Badminton Federation are required to follow any decision.

c) Close contacts: In Spain close contacts are defined as being with said person within 1.5 meters for more than 15 minutes (in a 24-hour period) without the necessary protective measures (mask) within 48 hours before the symptoms began, or within 48 hours before the diagnostic test in asymptomatic patients.

The local rules for close contacts are:

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- NON vaccinated close contacts: If you have had close contact with a patient with COVID-19 or suspect of having it without adequate protection measures, from 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, ~~you should reduce social interaction and it is recommended to wear a mask. you must~~ **quarantine for 7 days** ~~staying in your domicile or place of accommodation and preferably in a single room.~~
- VACCINATED close contacts: In Spain there is no quarantine requirement for close contacts. ~~people who have received a complete vaccination schedule and are considered as close contact will be~~ **exempt from quarantine**; ~~however they will be instructed to use a mask in their social interactions, do not go to mass events and monitor the possible appearance of compatible symptoms.~~

As per the BWF protocol, **roommates and doubles partners of a positive case will automatically be considered as a close contact and therefore will be withdrawn from the 2022 European Championships.**