# IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS ATTENDING THE ISAPS WOLRD CONGRESS IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

These travel regulations were updated on August 26, 2021 and are subject to change. ISAPS is not responsible for any changes to travel regulations or requirements. Please check the travel conditions for your own country.

#### Travelers coming from safe countries with a low incidence rate

Travelers from countries with a low incidence rate (see list below) who can show proof of a negative test/vaccination/past infection can enter the country for tourism purposes without needing to self-isolate. This currently includes most European countries and some non-European countries. Travelers need to have spent the past 10 days within these countries (or Austria) only.

The vaccine certificate is valid for 270 days after the second dose for two-dose-vaccines. For vaccines that require only one dose, it is valid from the 22nd day for 270 days from vaccination. The same applies to convalescents who have been vaccinated once.

If your vaccination is no longer valid, a test is enough to enter the country without quarantine. As of September 1, acceptable tests are a PCR test no older than 48 hours OR an antigen test no older than 72 hours.

Countries with a low incidence rate:

Albania Andorra Armenia Azerbaiian Australia Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina Brunei Bulgaria Denmark Germany Estonia Finland France Principality of Liechtenstein Greece Hong Kong Ireland Iceland Israel Italy Japan Jordan Canada Qatar Kosovo Croatia Latvia Lithuania Luxembourg Macau Malta Moldova Monaco

Montenegro New Zealand Netherlands North Macedonia Norway Poland Portugal Romania San Marino Saudi Arabia Sweden Serbia Singapore Slovakia Slovenia \*Spain Switzerland South Korea Taiwan Thailand Czech republic Hungary Vatican United States of America Vietnam \*Cyprus

\*For travelers from Cyprus and Spain, the following additional rules apply:

- Guests who have not yet been fully vaccinated or cannot prove a past infection within the last 90 days must show a PCR test no older than 48 hours. An antigen test is not sufficient. The certificate for proof of past infection must meet the following requirements:
  - confirmation of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 infection within the last 90 days and expired at the time of issue,
  - issued no earlier than 14 days after initial detection or onset of symptoms,
  - symptom-free for at least 48 hours before the certificate is issued, and
  - confirmation that despite the presence of a positive test result, no relevant epidemiological danger emanates from the person named in the certificate.
  - If there is no proof of vaccination, recovery or a negative PCR test, the PCR test must be taken at the airport immediately.

# Travelers from virus variant areas

Currently, this includes Brazil, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe. Travel is allowed for certain purposes only (e.g. business travel, medical reasons etc.). Travelers need to register digitally in advance to obtain pre-travel clearance and are required to show proof of registration at the border (either digitally or as a hard copy). Find more information on the pre-travel clearance <u>here</u> and find the form you need to fill in before traveling <u>here</u>. A negative PCR test (**NOT antigen test**) no older than 48 hours is required or a 10-day quarantine (travelers can take a test after 5 days to end quarantine early).

## Travelers from all other countries, for example UK, India

Entering Austria is possible. All travelers need to show either proof of full vaccination OR proof of past infection OR a negative COVID test. Travelers who can show proof of full vaccination do **not need to self-isolate** and do **not need to register** for pre-travel clearance.

Unvaccinated travelers (those who show a negative test or proof of a past infection, not a vaccine certificate) **need to register digitally** in advance to obtain pre-travel clearance. Find more information on the pre-travel clearance <u>here</u> and find the form you need to fill in before travelling <u>here</u>. Unvaccinated travelers (those who show a negative test or proof of a past infection, not a vaccine certificate) also **need to self-isolate** for 10 days (can take test after 5 days to end quarantine early).

Children up to the age of 17 are able to enter Austria with no need to quarantine if accompanied by their fully vaccinated parents, but from the ages of 12 to 17 they also have to show proof of a negative test/past infection/vaccination.

You need to show a PCR test no older than 48 hours OR an antigen test no older than 24 hours. Tests need to be issued by a medical authority.

# <u>Very important!!!</u> You must prove that you are entering Austria for business. To do so, a printed proof of participation in the congress is required.

#### The following vaccines are accepted to enter Austria:

BioNtech/Pfizer AstraZeneca Covishield Johnson & Johnson/Janssen Moderna/mRNA-1273 from Moderna Sinopharm / BIBP Sinovac-CoronaVac

#### Important for Sinovac-CoronaVac vaccine, SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine

Entry is possible with this vaccine, but a PCR test no older than 48 hours is required upon arrival at the hotel and needs to be renewed every 48 hours to enter hotels, the congress venue and restaurants.

If your vaccination is no longer valid, one test is **enough** to enter the country without quarantine.

New regulations for Vienna from September 1<sup>st</sup> PCR Tests must be renewed every 48 hours, antigen tests must be renewed every 24 hours in order to visit the hotel, convention center and restaurants. Free Registration for PCR and antigen tests at the ACV (congress venue): Demo Video Please find more information here.