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COVID-19 HYGIENE PROTOCOL

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1. Introduction

This Protocol sets possible foreseen mitigation steps to reduce the risk of infection for those involved in the 2020 FIVB U19 & 2021 FIVB U21 Beach Volleyball World Championships during the COVID-19 pandemic, although the risk cannot be completely eliminated. Please note that all stakeholders participate in the competition at their own risk and shall cooperate by complying with these guidelines.

The fundamental principle throughout the events during the COVID-19 pandemic is to protect and be protected by wearing a mask, sanitizing, social distancing, following the event hygiene and COVID-19 protocol and respecting and applying the local governments guidelines and regulations. All participants have the mutual responsibility and respect to protect one-another.

Each National Federation delegation member (athletes, coaches, team officials, physiotherapists, doctors, President, etc.) must have read and understood information for participating in the events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any event participant must strictly follow the event specific COVID-19 protocols and stay in bubble (Organizational Quarantine (OQ)) as requested. Failure in doing so may be removed from the bubble and eventually the tournament.

Please note that this protocol is a dynamic document and will be updated if needed. Organizer and AVC will monitor changes to local legislation, regulations and government and public health authorities' guidance and review risk assessments, policies, and procedure as appropriate to ensure that compliance with local health and safety law is maintained.

The COVID-19 Protocol hereafter elaborates the actions to be taken by the most important stakeholders of the event considering different phases of the event.

2. Before Travelling

2.1 Entry Visa and Important Documents

The list of required conditions and documents for participants to prepare to enter the host country:

- Certificate of Entry (COE)
- Vaccination Certificate
- Insurance with minimum coverage of 50,000 USD
- Paid SHA+ hotel reservation confirmation (provided by TVA)
- Thailand Pass Registration
- Negative result of COVID-19 RT-PCR Test not more than 72 hrs. before departure

2.1.1 Certificate of Entry (COE)

Thailand Volleyball Association will provide all participants the Certificate of Entry which will allow all participants to enter Thailand with visa exemption.

2.1.2 Vaccination Certificate

The eligible participants must be fully vaccinated to travel to Phuket no less than 14 days before departure. Travelers must show proof of vaccination issued by a

government authority. Children under the age of 18, traveling with fully vaccinated parents, are eligible without proof of vaccination.

This is the list of accredited vaccines approved by the World Health Organization (WHO), and Ministry of Public Health of Thailand.

- AstraZeneca (AstraZeneca & University of Oxford, SK Bioscience (Korea), Siam Bioscience)
- CoronaVac (Sinovac Biotech Ltd.)
- Janssen or Janssen/Ad26.COVID-19 (Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc)
- Moderna (Moderna Inc.)
- Pfizer – BioNtech COVID-19 vaccine or Comirnaty (Pfizer Inc. & BioNtech)
- Sinopharm vaccine or COVIL0 (Sinopharm Co., Ltd.)
- Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology)
- Serum Institute of India (SII)
- Heterologous Prime Boost

2.1.3 Insurance with minimum coverage of 50,000 USD

Participants must have the insurance which covers treatment and medical expenses in relation to COVID-19, with a minimum coverage of 50,000 USD. This is the reference for purchasing insurance <https://covid19.tgia.org/>

2.2 COVID-19 Test Result and Other Required Documents

- 1) It is mandatory for all participants to provide local organizer with a Negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate. The PCR test must be made a maximum of 72 hours prior to the departure and entering Thailand. The certificate must be in English. Certificate must be issued by authorized health laboratories, and an SMS message is not considered as a valid certificate. The presentation of the negative test certificate is a mandatory pre-condition for travelling and taking part in the competition. All participants must ensure that they will have the test result with them while entering Thailand.
- 2) Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 as well as the ones who have been vaccinated will still need to provide a negative PCR test result to enter Thailand and participate in event.
- 3) Only individuals who can present a negative COVID-19 PCR test (72 hours before departure to Thailand) are able to perform the upon arrival COVID-19 PCR test at Phuket Airport and check-in to the competition hotel.

3. Entering Thailand – Arrival

3.1 Arrival at Phuket Airport

- Participants should fly directly to Phuket Airport. Selecting to transit at Suvarnabhumi Airport or Don Mueang Airport, participants will be required to go to one-night quarantine in Bangkok which will be on your own expenses. The organizer will not be responsible for any consequences.
- Participants will receive the first COVID-19 test at Phuket Airport. After finishing the process, the organizer will welcome all participants at the exit.

3.2 COVID-19 Testing

All individuals are subject to 2 required COVID-19 tests:

The first test upon arrival by an RT-PCR method, and

The second test on Day 6 by self-testing ATK method, which each individual will receive the kit from the local authorities at the airport upon arrival.

Participants will need to take a picture of the self-testing ATK result taken test and upload it on Morchana Application which is monitored by the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health.

Morchana Appilcation:

Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.thaialert.app&hl=th&gl=US>

iOS

<https://apps.apple.com/th/app/morchana-%E0%B8%AB%E0%B8%A1%E0%B8%AD%E0%B8%8A%E0%B8%99%E0%B8%B0/id1505185420>

Important note: individuals who do not respect this requirement will not be able to enter the event. Refusal of PCR testing will result in removal from participation in the tournament.

3.3 Symptoms After Arrival

Anyone who experiences symptoms after arrival must self-isolate in their hotel room and immediately contact COVID-19 Officer.

3.4 Procedures to Follow after The Test Result Delivery

The 'upon arrival' test results will be delivered within 24 (twenty-four) hours after the submission of the sample. During this time and until a negative test result is delivered, the participant must stay in their room.

If the result is negative, participants will receive the test results by email.

If the result is positive, the result will not be reported to participants but will be reported to the COVID-19 Manager of the hotel. Then the Manager will report to Phuket Provincial Public Health team in order to for the Team to take individuals whose PCR test result is positive to a hospital.

Individuals whose PCR test result is positive will be immediately admitted to a hospital for treatment for 14 days until they are recovered, depend on doctor's diagnosis.

In case of the positive case have their roommate, who is confirmed negative, as they will be defined as Close Contact, they will be immediately transferred to Alternative Quarantine hotel, and attend the procedure of isolation at AQ hotel until finish the process. Which means, this person will not be able to return to the competition anymore.

In case of positive cases and close contact, participants must cover the cost of the test to be done and all costs related to quarantine.

3.5 Entering Event

Only individuals whose first PCR test (upon arrival) is negative can enter the event (hotel, competition venue, and training courts). All individuals are required to apply with the general hygiene rules (wearing of masks, regular disinfection of hands as contamination could occur endangering the safety of the event and the health of the participants).

3.6 Close Contact Definition

Close contact is defined as:

- a person living in the same room as a COVID-19 case
- a person who has had direct physical contact with a COVID-19 case (e.g. handshake). This definition does not apply to:
 - Medical services if medical providers are using proper health equipment (face mask) during treatment.
 - Any physical contact during play (competition and training) in between athletes.
- a person who has had unprotected direct contact with secretions from a COVID19 case (e.g. touching used paper tissues with bare hands)
- a person who has had direct (face-to-face) contact with a COVID-19 case, at a distance of less than 2 meters, for at least 15 minutes without face masks
- a person who has been in an enclosed environment (e.g. classroom, meeting room, hospital waiting room) with a COVID-19 case without face masks
- a healthcare worker or other person providing direct assistance to a COVID-19 case or laboratory personnel handling samples of a COVID-19 case without the use of recommended mask or using unsuitable face mask.

Please note that the following is considered as good practice for all medical provider (for example physiotherapists) to be followed during the treatment of the athletes and shall be implemented accordingly, to avoid being identified as close contact:

- Medical provider will provide treatment wearing surgical, KN95 or FFP2 face mask.
- Athletes being treated also wear a surgical, KN95 or FFP2 face mask during treatment.
- Massage tables and any equipment will also be thoroughly sanitized in between athletes' treatment.
- The medical provider regularly sanitizes their hands/arms in between athletes' treatment.
- In case above criteria is respected, any athlete treated by medical staff/physiotherapist will not be considered as close contact in case the medical staff tests positive.
- The same can be applicable if an athlete treated by the medical provider tests positive, meaning that the medical provider won't be considered as close contact. However, depending on the circumstances, decision of the Medical Delegate and COVID-19 Office will prevail.
- Please note that it is responsibility of the athlete and medical provider to verify that each person is equipped with the above protection items and that facilities

are well sanitized. The above measurements are promoted as good exercise for all physiotherapists and doctors at the event.

4. Competition Phase

4.1 General Principles

In view of the pandemic and to mitigate the risk, following policies will be implemented and must be respected by all participants.

- 1) All individuals participating to the event must wear a surgical, FFP2 or KN-95 mask at all time. The mask must fully cover nose and mouth area and be changed every 3 to 4 hours. **They must foresee and have enough number of masks with them** and, respect any other established prevention measures at any time during the competition phase.
- 2) Players and Referees are allowed to play/officiate without masks during the match as well as training.
- 3) Regular use of hand sanitizer is mandatory for everyone. Organizer will provide hand sanitizer stations in different areas of the event bubble, including all entrances and exits, rooms and offices, toilets, officials working position, players' bench, etc. All participants are requested to have their personal hand sanitizers and use it regularly, especially before entering public area such as restaurant, training and competition facilities.
- 4) Handshake, hug, or any other physical contacts are not recommended.
- 5) All participants must always respect social distancing and maintain 1.5 m distance.
- 6) Body temperature will be checked in different parts of the venue.
- 7) Sanitizing hands before entering the transport vehicle is mandatory for all. Organizer will disinfect the transport vehicle after each use.
- 8) Participants are required to respect the social distancing while waiting for or using transportation. Masks must be worn at all time. This includes while waiting for transport as well as when using the transport.
- 9) Athletes are advised to avoid any activities with players of other teams. This includes having meals, leisure activities, etc. This applies to the team delegations too.

4.2 COVID-19 Testing at the event

All individuals are subject to 2 required COVID-19 tests: the first test upon arrival by an RT-PCR method, and the second test on Day 6 by self-testing ATK which the kit will be provided upon arrival. Participants will need to take a picture of the self-testing ATK result taken test and upload it on Morchana Application, which is monitored by the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health.

- If the test result is negative, individuals can continue their activities in the event.
- If the test result is positive, concerned individual(s) must stay in isolation until. A PCR test will be conducted on such individuals to ensure result of the ATK self-test. If result of PCR test is negative, individuals can continue their activity. If result is positive, they must follow the procedures as per 3.4 Procedures to Follow after The Test Result Delivery.

4.3 Procedure Regarding Positive Test Results

- In case any participant has a positive result for COVID-19 Test on his/her arrival or during the competition, the participant will be separated to the quarantine hospital for 14 days until they are recovered. At the end of 14 days, the person concern will need to perform a PCR test to receive the medical certificate for boarding the flight and returning to their country.

- The expenses of quarantine shall be paid by the participants' insurance.
- In case any player has a confirmed positive result for COVID-19 during the competition, the team will be disqualified from the competition.

4.4 Testing Cost Coverage

Please refer to the below information regarding testing cost coverage:

Covered by the organizer: Covid-19 Tests (upon arrival PCR test at the airport and 1-time ATK test) for all athletes, FIVB Officials, Neutral and Local Referees, Court officials and all services staff.

Covered by each individual concerned: Covid-19 Tests for all team officials and delegations including coaches, medical service providers, NF representatives, etc.

Please note that for all individuals having symptoms or being identified as close contact, cost of necessary tests will be covered by the participants.

Cost scheme:

COVID-19 PCR-Test and certificate expense for returning to home countries THB 3,500 per test per person (USD 110)

Note: The eliminated teams who would like to continue staying in Phuket have to be responsible for COVID-19 Test on their own expenses.

5. Insurance

It is the responsibility of athletes, team delegations and National Federation to ensure that in addition to their normal health and travel insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID19-related costs. The organizer of the event and the AVC accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness as well as isolation/quarantine cost that may affect a National Federation delegation member during the event.

6. Departure

All participants have to undergo an exit PCR-Test before departure. Please make sure that you know the requirement and regulations of the country you are flying to and the airlines which you will use to leave Thailand to perform your test accordingly. It is the responsibility of each individual to inform the hotel reception about the above requirements to ensure that the test is booked in an appropriate time considering the necessary time required to deliver the COVID-19 PCR test result. Cost of exit test must be paid directly at the reception when booking the test except athletes and FIVB officials as organizer will cover this cost. Once exit test is booked, hotel will do the necessary coordination with the Laguna Centre where tests will be conducted.

For travelling matters, please communicate your departure schedule to the Secretariat Office in order to arrange the transportation to airport.

7. References

- Notification of the Operation Centre for Measures on the Entry into and Departure from the Kingdom, and Protection of Thai Nationals Abroad Re: List of countries and territories permitted to enter the Kingdom of Thailand for Individuals under category (13):
<https://www.mfa.go.th/en/content/listcategory13-2?cate=5d5bcb4e15e39c306000683c>
- Latest Info Thailand Reopening: Living in the Blue Zone (17 Sandbox Destinations):
<https://www.tatnews.org/2021/10/thailand-reopening-living-in-the-blue-zone-17-sandbox-destinations/>