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## 1) Introduction

Emirates Motorsport Organization, as the organizer of the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, and sole governing representative body of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme in the United Arab Emirates. Has been engaged with the U.A.E. Government as well as FIA & FIM Authorities to ensure the event will be run in accordance with all applicable UAE Government Covid-19 regulations.

The event organizers, all event officials, marshal's and third party contractors cannot be held liable or responsible for any attendee that is effected by Covid-19 before, during or after the event. It is the attendee's responsibility to take additional travel or medical insurance to cover the costs of any possible complication due to Covid-19.

This is a living document and the protocol will and can be amended and the organizer reserves the right if required and or advised by any or all UAE authorities.

All participants may find the most recent copy of the ADDC Covid Protocol located on the event website at: <http://abudhabidesertchallenge.com/>

### Important Contact Details

#### Pre-Event

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## 2) General Overview of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### What is Coronavirus, SARS-CoV2 or COVID-19?

A new strain of coronavirus was identified in late 2019 which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, at least 4 other coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. The new strain was first identified in a cluster with pneumonia symptoms in Wuhan city, Hubei province of China. It was named COVID-19 by the World Health Organisation.

### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever
- Tiredness



- Dry cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhoea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.

Note: Not everyone with a cold or upper respiratory symptom needs to get tested for COVID-19. Only a person with symptoms above should do the test. Additionally, most people (about 90%) recover from the disease without needing any significant treatment.

### How does COVID-19 spread?

- Coronavirus strains are spread from person to person through contaminated droplets from a person who is sick with the illness (through coughing or sneezing) or contaminated hands.
- The virus can spread through touching an infected surface but this is less likely than airborne transmission.
- People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. This is why it is important to stay more than 2 metres (6 feet) away from a person who is sick.

### What are the ways to prevent the disease?

- Washing hands well with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain at least 2-meter (6 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Covering mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Avoid nose-to-nose greeting, hugging or kissing others.
- Take enough rest and take a large amount of fluids.

### 3) International Attendees

**All international attendees for Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge must be fully vaccinated. They should be at least 14 days post completion of the standard vaccine course as recommended by the manufacturer.**

#### Approved vaccines in the UAE are:

- Sinopharm vaccine
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
- Sputnik vaccine
- 3 Oxford-Astreneca Vaccine
- Johnson & Johnson Vaccine
- Moderna vaccine
- Jamalika (Sputnik V) vaccine



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### General Travel requirements in Abu Dhabi

Check current travel restrictions into Abu Dhabi listed on the Etihad website or QR code below. These restrictions should be followed even if arriving into Dubai by air and traveling to Abu Dhabi by road.

<https://www.etihad.com/en/travel-updates/abu-dhabi-travel-information#uaegreencountries>



### Steps to attend Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

To ensure a smooth arrival into the UAE, all attendees for the event will need to follow the below steps.



Register via the [ICA Smart Travel Service](#) before your flight – this does not apply to UAE nationals traveling in from abroad.





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## Step 2

Take a COVID-19 PCR test before you fly to Abu Dhabi. The time you take your test will depend on where you're travelling from. Please check the travel requirements on the Etihad website in the QR code below.



## Step 3

Download the UAE Al Hosn app – you'll need this when you arrive and will receive a Unique Identification Number to enable you to activate your AL Hosn app and access your information.



## Step 4

Fully vaccinated attendees travelling from any country will **NOT** need to quarantine. You will just need to take additional PCR tests as outlined below. Testing facilities will be available in Abu Dhabi close to YAS Marina and at Qasr Al Sarab hotel. More details will be given in Section 7 below.

Vaccination status	Travelling from	Quarantine	COVID-19 PCR test
*Vaccinated	Green list country	No quarantine	Test on arrival and day six
	Any other destination	No quarantine	Test on arrival, day four and day eight

### Step 5



Take a COVID-19 PCR test 48hrs before you arrive to the ADDC event covid check-in on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. If your PCR test on arrival into Abu Dhabi meets this time limit, it can be accepted. Proof will need to be presented at check-in before accreditation can be issued.

#### 4) UAE National or UAE Resident Attendees

**All locally based attendees for Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge must be fully vaccinated.**

Approved vaccines in the UAE are:

- Sinopharm vaccine
- Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
- Sputnik vaccine
- 3 Oxford-Astreneca Vaccine
- Johnson & Johnson Vaccine
- Moderna vaccine
- Jamalika (Sputnik V) vaccine



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All attendees for the event will need to follow the below steps.



Download the UAE AI Hosn app and setup account – you’ll need to show a “green status” in order to access the event and other public places in Abu Dhabi.



Take a COVID-19 PCR test 48hrs before you arrive to the ADDC event covid check-in on Nov5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Proof will need to be presented at check-in before accreditation can be issued.

### 5) Accreditation

#### **Spectators will not be allowed access.**

Only attendees that have their name registered with the organizer, event officials, teams, media or third-party contractors, may enter the event sites.

This year the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge will require the below two requirements be presented by all attendees.



1. All attendees to the event must show a **“Green Status” on their Al Hosn app** and we will scan the QR code to capture this data for event organizers records. In addition, they may be required to show the Al Hosn app when entering any other public establishment located in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. This will include gaining access to the Bivouac, Rally HQ and Qasr Al Sarab. Therefore it is advised to always be prepared to show your status upon entering such establishments.
2. All attendees must take a Covid-19 PCR test in the UAE either on arrival to an International Airport or at any government approved testing centre in the country. The result submitted must be **48 hours or less** before the start of the event on November 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> depending on the attendees arrival to the event. For a list of approved testing centres see (Section 7). These results will be collected at the ADDC event covid accreditation check in.

**On arrival to the event, all attendees must first report to the Covid Accreditation Tent** located in front of the Service Park at Yas Marina Circuit Support Paddock. Officials will check to ensure all attendees have submitted the two above documents and then be given a wristband to enter the event facilities.

**No one will be allowed access without the proper documents on file.**

## 6) Isolation Protocol

The Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, will have an isolation protocol in place for all attendees during the event that show symptoms of Covid-19, to notify the CMO, then isolate and test immediately at the event. They will be asked to continue to isolate in their accommodation while they await the result. If a positive test is returned, the person will be instructed to immediately take a secondary test and await the result.

If a second positive test result is given, the attendee will need to isolate and then be evaluated by the CMO and advised if they should seek medical attention at a hospital or remain in isolation. Isolation will need to continue until 2 negative Covid-19 PCR tests can be taken in a row or until the CMO confirms that you are fit to return to the event.



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## 7) Covid-19 Approved PCR Testing Centers

### Testing Centers near YAS Marina Circuit

Abu Dhabi has many approved Covid-19 testing centers and most will have drive through access. The test can cost from as little as 50 AED to 150 AED and results come in less than 24 hours generally.

See these links below for a list of testing centers in Abu Dhabi:

[SEHA](#)

[DOH](#)

### Testing at Qasr Al Sarab

We have arranged for PCR Testing to be available onsite at the Qasr Al Sarab hotel from the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of November at a cost of 150 AED or 35 EUR. All attendees may use this option to get covid testing should they need it to maintain their “green status” on their Al Hosn app or as a requirement to fly back home after the event. Results will post directly to the persons Al Hosn app and may be downloaded and printed before they travel if required. The exact location of the testing clinic within the hotel will be published on the Official and Digital (Sportity) notice boards.

**During the ADDC event, from November 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> inclusive, the CMO can be contacted at any time of day or night on:**

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