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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 affected 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

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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 Organization.



### **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 diarrhea.
- 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 meters (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 or have a UAE accepted medical exemption.**

#### 3.1 Flying into Abu Dhabi

##### Accepted Vaccines

- Effective from **Sunday, 5 September 2021** Abu Dhabi has lifted all quarantine procedures for all vaccinated travellers from around the world allowing seamless entry to the capital of the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi
- Abu Dhabi accepts the vaccines approved by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Ministry of Health and Prevention Society (MOHAP)
- To check the list of World Health Organisation (WHO) approved vaccines, please [click here](#)
- To check the list of MOHAP approved vaccines, please [click here](#)

##### Step 1: Register with Federal Authority of Identity and Citizenship

- To validate your vaccination or your exemption certificate in Abu Dhabi, 48 hours before your travel date, download the Federal Authority of Identity and Citizenship (ICA UAE Smart) app or visit the [ica.gov.ae](http://ica.gov.ae) website to complete the 'Register Arrivals Form' and attach your vaccination certificate(s) for approval
- An SMS will confirm approval of the registration form and vaccination certificates and include a link to download the **Alhosn app**, which enables users to show test results and vaccination status and is used to enter public places in Abu Dhabi. Visitors must be vaccinated to enter the majority of public places.

##### Step 2: PCR Test before your departure.

- Take a **PCR test within 48 hours of departure** from origin destination and only fly if the test result is negative

##### Step 3: Arrival in Abu Dhabi

- Upon arrival in Abu Dhabi, travellers will receive a Unified ID number from airport immigration or via the **ICA UAE Smart app** or [ica.gov.ae](http://ica.gov.ae) website; this is required to complete the registration on **Alhosn app**.
- You will also need to take a PCR test upon arrival at Abu Dhabi International airport, with the result received within 90 minutes
- You can then depart the airport and wait in your accommodation for the results
- If the result is negative, Alhosn will automatically show 'green' status
- Children under 12 years and individuals with official exemptions do not need to take a PCR test upon arrival



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- As an alternative to using the app, Using a PC, visit [m.Alhosnapp.ae](https://m.Alhosnapp.ae) to check your latest PCR test result

#### Step 4: Follow up PCR tests after arrival

- If coming from Green List countries, travellers will need to take another PCR test on day 6 (counting the day of arrival as day 1).
- If coming from non-Green List countries, travellers will need to take another PCR test on day 4 and day 8.
- [Click here](#) to see if your destination of departure to Abu Dhabi is on the emirate's Green List.
- For more information about COVID-19 PCR testing centres in Abu Dhabi, please visit [doh.gov.ae/en/covid-19/PCR](https://doh.gov.ae/en/covid-19/PCR) and [seha.ae/screening-locations/](https://seha.ae/screening-locations/).

### 3.2 Coming from Dubai or other Emirates

For fully vaccinated international travelers coming to Abu Dhabi from Dubai or other Emirates, they will also need to follow the same guidelines. These include downloading the ICA app; completing the registration, and then downloading the Al Hosn app, which is the Green Pass gateway to all of Abu Dhabi's attractions.

Effective **30 December 2021**, vaccinated residents and visitors must have a Green Pass on their Al Hosn app to enter Abu Dhabi. The Green Pass is activated on the Al Hosn app for vaccinated residents and visitors who receive a negative COVID-19 PCR test result and is valid for 14 days. The PCR test must have been performed in the UAE.

In addition, everyone travelling to Abu Dhabi will be scanned by an EDE mobile scanning device at the border to gain permission to enter the emirate. Once scanned, anyone with signs that they may have the virus will be sent for a free rapid antigen test, with results delivered within 20 minutes. If the test is positive, Abu Dhabi residents will be required to isolate for 10 days with a tracking wristband fitted. Non-Abu Dhabi residents who receive a positive test result must return to the emirate from which they travelled and notify the local health authority of their test result.



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

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

#### Steps to attend Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge

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 March 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<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 into the event-controlled areas.**

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 AI 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 AI 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 March 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> depending on the attendee’s arrival to the event. For a list of approved testing centers see (Section 3, Step 4). 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





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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.

## 7) Covid-19 Approved PCR Testing Centers

### Testing Centers near YAS Marina Circuit

Please see Section 3, Step 4 for testing medical centers near YAS Marina Circuit.

### Testing at ADDC Bivouac

We have arranged for PCR Testing to be available onsite at the ADDC Bivouac from March 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of 125 AED or 30 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 bivouac will be published on (Sportity) notice board.

**During the ADDC event, from March 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive, the CMO can be contacted at any time of day or night on:**

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