

WCC 11th assembly COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

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The World Council of Churches, together with our hosts, will implement the following COVID-19 mitigation plan for the WCC 11th Assembly. The plan recognizes that despite best efforts, zero transmission is not possible. Therefore, it is necessary to minimize the risk of exposure and treat infections quickly. The mitigation plan requires the commitment of all participants to protect one another from infection by monitoring their health and taking the necessary precautions.

The mitigation plan includes supplying all participants with masks and test kits, providing onsite testing and a multiple level alert protocol to respond to any significant increase in reported infection. It is critical that any confirmed infection should be reported by email to covid.assembly@wcc-coe.org.

Participants are required to keep themselves informed of official COVID-19 regulations in Germany and in the countries they are travelling to. Travelling with physical evidence of a valid COVID-19 certificate (healed, vaccinated, tested) is highly recommended.

COVID-19/Corona regulations in Germany can be found here: <https://www.zusammengegencorona.de/en/>. The wearing of medical or FFP2 masks on public transport is officially mandatory.

1. COVID-19 mitigation measures

- 10 masks (FFP2) in the welcome bag. Possibility to purchase more in local pharmacies.
- 1 pack of 5 COVID-19 self-test in the assembly welcome bag, provided at accreditation. Possibility to purchase more in local pharmacies.
- Disinfectant - 50 central disinfectant stations available throughout the venue.
- Antigen testing facilities available at the entrance of the venue.
- PCR testing facilities available [where – KALO to confirm]
- Presence of medical personnel on the venue;
- Increased ventilation in all meeting rooms and efforts made to distance seating
- A dedicated COVID-19 task force to respond to assembly participant needs (linked to medical team and pastoral care and solidarity team)
- A multiple level alert system to respond to any significant increase in reported infections – green, blue, orange and red, see below.

2. COVID-19 Mitigation Plan - A multiple level alert system

A multiple level alert system is implemented during the assembly. Moving from one alert level to the next depends on a ponderation of the following:

- Information from local authorities;
- Information from the venue (KMK); and
- Information from the COVID-19 Task Force.

Upon assessment by the COVID-19 Task Force and the WCC Assembly Security team, the decision to move from one level to another is made by the WCC Crisis Management Team. The decision will be

communicated through the assembly app, by email and through dedicated signage. A graphical illustration of these levels will be displayed throughout the venue.

a. A multiple level alert system (4 levels)

1.) Normal - Green

- Participants are encouraged to wear masks in closed spaces;
- Participants are encouraged to self-test every two days;
- Participants are encouraged to disinfect/wash hands frequently;
- Participants are reminded to keep physical distance where possible.
- Messages on the above are shown regularly
- In case of symptoms, participants must:
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
 - Disinfect hands often; and
 - Get anti-gen testing.
- If testing result is positive:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation in isolation;
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
 - Disinfect hands often;
 - Announce case to covid.assembly@wcc-coe.org and follow instructions provide by the COVID-19 Task Force; and
 - Isolation lasts for at least five days after the first positive test result.¹

2.) Warning level - Blue

- Masks become mandatory in closed spaces and meeting rooms;
- COVID-19 self-testing every day is encouraged;
- Physical distancing is strongly encouraged;
- Increased availability of anti-gen testing at the entrance of venue;
- Participants are encouraged to disinfect/wash hands frequently;
- Messages on the above are shown at all meeting locations;
- In case of symptoms, participants must:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation until negative test.
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
 - Disinfect hands often; and
 - Get anti-gen testing.
- If testing result is positive:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation in isolation;
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;

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- Disinfect hands often;
- Announce case to covid.assembly@wcc-coe.org and follow instructions provide by the COVID-19 Task Force; and
- Isolation lasts for at least five days after the first positive test result.²

3.) Alarm level - Orange

- Valid COVID-19 certificate (proving negative testing, healed or vaccinated) verified at entry.
- Increased availability of anti-gen testing at entrance of venue.
- Daily coloured paper bracelets indicting if COVID-19 certificate has been checked upon entry to venue mandatory:
 - Wednesday 31 August: NEON ORANGE
 - Thursday 1 September: NEON GREEN
 - Friday 2 September: NEON PINK
 - Saturday 3 September: NEON YELLOW
 - Sunday 4 September: PURPLE
 - Monday 5 September: AQUA
 - Tuesday 6 September: BLUE
 - Wednesday 7 September: NEON ORANGE
 - Thursday 8 September: NEON GREEN
- Masks become mandatory at all times;
- Physical distancing is mandatory;
- The meeting room capacities are reduced to 75%;
- Messages on the above are shown at all meeting locations
- In case of symptoms, participants must:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation until negative test.
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
 - Disinfect hands often; and
 - Get anti-gen testing.
- If testing result is positive:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation in isolation;
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 - Keep physical distance;
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4.) Critical Level – RED

- Only delegates and those critical to the functioning are allowed on the venue.
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 - Tuesday 6 September: BLUE
 - Wednesday 7 September: NEON ORANGE
 - Thursday 8 September: NEON GREEN
- Masks become mandatory at all times;
- Physical distancing is mandatory;
- The room capacity is reduced to 60%;
- Messages on the above are shown at all meeting locations
- In case of symptoms, participants must:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation until negative test.
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
 - Disinfect hands often; and
 - Get anti-gen testing.
- If testing result is positive:
 - Stay at hotel/accommodation in isolation;
 - Wear masks at all times;
 - Keep physical distance;
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 - Announce case to covid.assembly@wcc-coe.org and follow instructions provide by the COVID-19 Task Force; and
 - Isolation lasts for at least five days after the first positive test result.⁴

b. Reporting

The COVID-19 Task Force will provide a log/report of number of known COVID-19 cases after the assembly.

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