



UEFA Return to Play Protocol

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1. Preamble

This protocol (hereinafter: the UEFA Protocol) sets out the framework of medical, sanitary and hygiene procedures together with the operational protocols that are to be applied when staging UEFA competition matches. The evolution of the COVID-19 situation is dynamic and unpredictable, both in terms of its epidemiology and the nature of the countermeasures imposed by national governments, and while it is impossible to establish a completely risk-free environment, the aim is to lower the risk as far as possible by applying current medical advice and best practices.

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Minimising the risk to UEFA competitions from COVID-19 relies on thorough and robust preparations and on-site organisation, but also to a large extent on the cooperation, behaviour and understanding of the teams, their players, officials and technical staff, as well as the UEFA referees, the UEFA venue staff and all target groups involved in the matches. UEFA expects all parties to adhere to hygiene best practices both in the controlled match environments, as well as in their private day to day lives. It is therefore imperative that all precautions set out in this document, as well as the standard hygiene best practices, will be strictly adhered to by all members of these various groups. Non-respect of such social norms could have serious consequences for the staging of international matches.

Players and everyone else involved should remember that their actions, and adherence to the social distancing requirements in particular, not only to guarantee a safe environment to UEFA Matches but also serve as a strong symbol for the millions of viewers around the world. Football stakeholders have a collective duty to show leadership and set an example in the rigorous application of these measures.

The UEFA Protocol expressly does not contain any matters related to the medical or operational requirements for a return to training by teams. It is the competence of domestic football bodies, national associations and leagues, in coordination with the relevant local authorities, to determine the conditions that must be met to allow players and staff to return to their training grounds to prepare for upcoming matches.

Finally, it is established as an absolute and unalienable principle of this protocol that the staging of any UEFA Match must not have a detrimental impact on SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing, treatment and prevention resources available to the general population of that association.

2. Objectives

The aim of this document is to set out a single medical and operational protocol applicable to competitive football matches of UEFA senior club and national teams for men and women

as well as all matches of the UEFA club competition final tournaments at all levels (UEFA Matches).

Changes to the overall situation and the regulatory conditions will require us to regularly revise and adapt this protocol over the coming months. The UEFA Protocol is subject to legal provisions and other orders issued by the competent local authorities in the various countries. We expect each association to inform us as soon as possible if any existing or new legislation is likely to have an impact on how this protocol is applied.

The UEFA Protocol sets out the procedures necessary for organising all UEFA Matches, focusing on matters such as the testing regime, team and official travel and hotel planning and the stadium operations. In this respect, the UEFA Protocol comprises a set of mandatory obligations for all clubs taking part in UEFA matches.

This means creating a protected and contained environment for team players and technical staff to provide them with a separated 'bubble' corridor for all movements into, within and out of the stadium, and establish best practice principles for the protection and safety of all working staff involved in delivering the match. The aim of the concept is to minimise the amount of contact between the different groups involved in the match to reduce the possibility of any cross-contagion between groups, and therefore to limit the number of people that need to be tested and the frequency of this testing.

3. Scope of application

The UEFA Protocol includes medical and operational obligations for all parties taking part in and/or organising UEFA Matches. These obligations must be applied by match organisers when preparing venues, subject to any additional measures imposed by the local authorities from country to country. With the exception of matches for which UEFA is the designated match organiser, the responsibility for implementing the requirements and guidelines set out in this Protocol lies with the match organiser.

The UEFA Protocol applies to the UEFA Matches set out under Objectives until further notice, in conjunction with the applicable local authority legislation and requirements.

The UEFA administration is entrusted with the operational management of the Protocol and is, therefore, entitled to take decisions and adopt detailed operational provisions and guidelines for the implementation of the Protocol in particular in view of the different competitions to be organised as well as to amend it accordingly in view of the COVID-19 development and the constantly changing national conditions.

Non-compliance with the obligations set out in the UEFA Protocol may lead to disciplinary measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

The annexes form an integral part of this Protocol.

4. Matches behind closed doors

If UEFA Matches are played behind closed doors, no general public may be admitted to the stadium. Only officials, people with a working function and accredited media/journalists are permitted to be in the stadium

The total number of people (teams, officials and working staff) permitted to be on the entire stadium premises at one time may be limited depending on several factors:

- a) Any local authority restrictions or limits applied to the event
- b) The size of the stadium (affects stewarding and technical staff members in particular)
- c) The scale of the broadcast operation
- d) The space available to media

The staffing level must be adapted to stadium layout and competition needs. In all cases, the number of staff required to operate the stadium, organise the match and deliver the commercial and broadcast obligations must be limited to an absolute minimum.

The maximum attendance is always subject to any restrictions that may be imposed by national/local authorities.

5. Roles and responsibilities

To ensure that the UEFA Protocol is properly implemented, all medical requirements are fulfilled and that the operational principles of the protocol are appropriately reviewed, each team taking part in a UEFA Match must take the following measures:

- Each team must appoint a **Medical Liaison Officer (MLO)** who is responsible for ensuring that all the medical testing requirements in this protocol are fulfilled, for liaising with the Testing Service Provider in charge of testing, as well as for receiving all SARS-CoV-2-RNA test results and sharing the list of individuals negative results with UEFA. The MLO must be someone with appropriate medical competence, preferably the team doctor (but not necessarily the case). The MLO must be someone of sufficient standing within the team to ensure that all persons to be tested are present at the relevant scheduled time and must also organise appropriate testing facilities for each organised test.
- Each team must appoint a **Protocol Compliance Officer (PCO)** who is responsible for ensuring the travel, accommodation and general hygiene and social distancing measures are respected at all times. The PCO must travel with the team and must ensure contracts with hotels and airline companies include best practice guidelines and that the measures of the UEFA Protocol are strictly implemented.
- Each host team (or the match organiser if a UEFA Match is played in a neutral stadium or country) must appoint an English-speaking **Hygiene Officer (HO)** with detailed functional knowledge of the stadium and its operations, whose sole responsibility is to review the operational principles of the UEFA Protocol with the relevant local authorities, to then ensure that all the principles and appropriate hygiene measures set out here are correctly implemented at the venue. The HO must have a good understanding of the local epidemiological situation and local measures in place. The HO is further responsible for

implementing a protocol for entry to the stadium and its controlled area that ensures that everyone entering the stadium has their health and temperature checked daily, and has completed a centralised epidemiological acknowledgment form. The HO must work closely with and report to the UEFA Match Delegate during the delegate's time on-site.

- The **UEFA Match Delegate (MD)** is, amongst other tasks, responsible overall for checking that the UEFA Protocol and hygiene measures are implemented at the venue, and must review all entry procedures and the zoning concept and access protection at the stadium. The MD reports to UEFA on any failure to implement the protocol, as well as on any breaches of the operational measures, to ensure the optimum protection of all stakeholders at the venue.
- The **UEFA Protocol Advisory Panel (UPAP)** advises UEFA on any medical questions related to SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing. The UPAP may at the request of the teams provide consultation or advice to a team MLO and/or team doctor on questions related to test results, as well as on additional alternative testing practices for players previously affected by the virus, however this is only advisory in nature and any decisions can only be taken by the competent local authorities. The UPAP is composed of virologists, laboratory experts and medical doctors, all experienced in the management of COVID-19.

UEFA PROTOCOL: MEDICAL PRINCIPLES

6. Social distancing and hygiene principles

In general, social distancing is considered the most effective way to minimise the risk of transmitting the disease together with hygiene best practices such as regular hand-washing. At all matches, a **two metres** social distance must be respected at all times, and in no case less than the guidance recommended by the local government. Strict distancing measures must be applied between the teams and officials as well as all other groups of persons involved at the stadium.

7. Testing

It is recognised that social distancing or other infection preventative measures may not be possible in all circumstances, not least between the opposing team players during a match as well as between a team's players and technical staff. For this reason, UEFA will implement a rigorous testing programme to increase security and confidence for everyone involved in a UEFA Match.

7.1. Type and definition

To ensure the highest testing quality, the target groups as outlined under section 7.3 will be subject to SARS-CoV-2-RNA (nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swab + PCR) tests. A positive test is defined by detection of particles of viral RNA (genes) on the RT-PCR test (Ct \geq 40), which will be used in the testing regime described below.

7.2. Sample collection and laboratory diagnostics service provider

UEFA will appoint a sample collection and laboratory diagnostics service provider (hereinafter "Testing Service Provider") as the entity in charge of sampling and testing for all UEFA Matches. The relevant target groups must comply at all times with the instructions of UEFA and/or the Testing Service Provider in relation to the implementation of efficient procedures related to the sample collection or testing.

7.3. Identified target groups

The following two identified target groups will be subject to the UEFA testing programme:

Group 1:

- **Teams:** All players potentially participating to a UEFA Match together with the technical and operational staff such as coaches, assistants, physios, doctors, main contacts, press officers and match managers.

Group 2:

- **Referees:** The referee, assistant referees and fourth official as well as VAR and Assistant VAR when appointed
- **UEFA match officers (when appointed):** MD, Referee Observer, Security Officer, Venue Director, Doping Control Officer and Media Officer

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- **UEFA venue team members (when appointed):** Venue Operations and Broadcast Manager and Venue Services and Sponsorship Manager

A third group providing local support to the match delivery has also been identified. Any person appointed to a role in this category must provide and carry with them at all times onsite a certification dated no earlier than MD-3 from an accredited test institute confirming a negative result from a SARS-CoV-2-RNA test carried out not earlier than MD-3. This group will not be included in the UEFA testing programme, however UEFA may at any time request to be provided with a copy of the aforementioned certification.

Group 3:

- **Local support:** relevant local liaison and support staff (e.g. referee liaison officer, delegate liaison, doping control chaperones, team liaison officers etc)
- **Pitchside medical team:** Pitchside emergency doctor and stretcher teams (8 stretcher bearers). This target group will most probably already have been tested by the national health authorities.

7.4. Pre-competition screening

To reduce the risk of positive SARS-CoV-2-RNA tests immediately before competition matches, all members of Group 1 and Group 2 that are not at that time undergoing a domestic PCR testing regime are strongly encouraged to undergo at least one round of pre-screening PCR testing between MD-14 and MD-10 prior to their first match in the relevant competition. Such testing must be organised by each team with an accredited testing institute.

UEFA may from time to time organise pre-screening SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing for some Group 2 match participants.

7.5. Single match testing schedule

The various groups will be tested for individual matches according to the following standard schedule:

7.5.1. Group 1:

Teams will be subject to testing before each match in the relevant competition.

- **Visiting team:** sample collection and testing will take place with the Testing Service Provider before leaving their home country. The sample collection will take place on MD-3 or MD-2 according to the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver results in the country in question (a list of the sample collection deadlines by country will be produced to be shared with all teams). In principle the results of this test will be delivered to the MLO prior to the departure of the team to the match location so as to ensure that the MLO removes any persons who tested positive from the delegation that will travel. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the MD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

An additional test will be necessary on MD-1 on arrival at the host city if required by the relevant local authorities. In this case, results will in principle be delivered at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match.

- **Home team:** sample collection and testing will take place with the Testing Service Provider on MD-2 or MD-1 depending on the time required to organise the sample

collection logistics, testing and deliver results in the country in question (a list of the testing deadline by country will be produced to be shared with all teams). The results will be delivered to the MLO at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the MD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

7.5.2. Group 2:

Sample collection and testing for Group 2 will take place in the home country of the person in question. In principle the person will be required to go to a local sampling location of the Testing Service Provider on the agreed day and time. The test for venue team members must take place MD-3, while for all other groups (referees, delegates etc), testing will take place on MD-3 or MD-2 depending on the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver results in the country in question (a list of the sampling deadline by country will be produced to be shared with relevant match participants). In principle results will be delivered prior to the departure of the person in question to the match venue.

An additional test will be necessary on MD-1 if required by the relevant local authorities in the match venue. In this case, results will in principle be delivered at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match.

7.5.3. Group 3:

Sample collection and testing for Group 3 will take place in the match venue country. Tests must be arranged by the organisation responsible for appointing the person in question (for example, the National Association must organise a test for the referee liaison officer no earlier than MD-3). Group 3 participants must have a certificate from an accredited test institute confirming a negative SARS-CoV-2-RNA test result for presentation upon arrival at the stadium.

7.5.4. Tournament testing

In tournament format competition matches, testing for both Group 1 and Group 2 will take place according to the following schedule:

- All participants will be tested on MD-3 or MD-2 before leaving their home country, with sample collection taking place according to the time required to organise the sample collection logistics, testing and deliver the results in the country in question (a list of sampling deadline by country will be produced to be shared with all participants). In principle the test results will be delivered before the team leaves for the host city.
- All participants (except venue teams) will be tested again in the host country with sample collection taking place on MD-1 before their first match in the competition. Results will in principle be delivered at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match.
 - Venue teams will be tested with sample collection taking place MD-2 of the first match to allow results to be delivered before going to the stadium on MD-1
- All participants (except venue teams) will then be retested with sample collection taking place on MD-1 of each subsequent match in the competition. Results will

again in principle be delivered at the latest 6 (six) hours prior to kick-off time (local time) on the day of the match.

- Venue teams will be tested with sample collection on MD-2 of each subsequent match to allow results to be delivered before going to the stadium on MD-1.

7.6. Management of test results

In view of the current pandemic circumstances, to safeguard the health of all persons involved in UEFA competition matches and the general public, only those in Group 1 and 2 that have tested negative may be entitled to travel to or take part in the relevant UEFA match. Teams will be required to provide confirmation of a negative SARS-CoV-2-RNA test result – issued by the Testing Service Provider for each person concerned – accompanied by a photo ID, on arrival at the stadium each day in order to be granted access to the venue. Any person not in possession of such a confirmation will not be allowed to enter the stadium. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the MD being able to cross-check venue access processes.

If someone in Group 1 tests positive, the Testing Service Provider will immediately inform the relevant local authorities as required. The Testing Service Provider will also inform the team's MLO, who must be aware of any obligations required by the relevant local health authorities that need to be followed either by the team or the person in question. Teams must ensure that no person testing positive can travel to the match venue or take part in the match. Test results are not subject to challenge.

If anyone in Group 2 tests positive, the Testing Service Provider shall immediately inform the concerned person and the relevant local authorities as required. The concerned person shall inform UEFA in order to expedite an efficient replacement of the person in question at the match, as well as to allow UEFA to provide any relevant support or assistance.

7.7. Previous confirmed cases

It is currently recognised that those who have recovered from COVID-19 may still be at risk of delivering positive PCR test results, despite having no contagion risk nor virus symptoms. Participants from Group 1 or Group 2 who have verified confirmation that they have now recovered from the virus are invited to submit documentation of this to the UPAP, including the date of diagnosis of the virus, complete relevant medical history and any other medical documents in this context e.g. SARS-CoV-2-RNA test or any other laboratory tests. This must be provided at least one week before the team's next UEFA Match. This information will then be analysed by the UPAP which may provide recommendations to the team concerned and to UEFA as to the possible steps to be taken.

To start this process teams must contact covid19.testing@uefa.ch to be put in touch with relevant members of the UPAP.

Any such UPAP recommendations are strictly advisory and it is the responsibility of the team to liaise with the competent local authorities, if necessary, for further steps (potentially both in the team's home country in the match venue).

8. Pre-Competition Medical Examinations (PCME)

For the competitions in the 2019/2020 season resuming after the interruption, the following examinations must be conducted as a minimum for players who have had documented COVID-19 diagnosis or have had any suspicious symptoms or contacts:

- For suspicious, mild and asymptomatic cases: resting 12 channel ECG, spirometry or body plethysmography
- For moderate and severe cases: the same examinations as for mild cases as well as organ-dependent examinations

For the 2020/21 season, the complete PCME must be conducted as described in the latest UEFA Medical Regulations. For players who have had a documented COVID-19 diagnosis or who have had suspicious symptoms or contacts, the same examinations listed above must also be completed.

Teams will need to confirm via the player's list that all above-mentioned tests have been carried out.

9. Development of symptoms onsite

Anyone involved in a match who develops any symptoms indicative of a potential COVID-19 infection must immediately isolate themselves at their hotel and must contact the relevant local health authorities for guidance.

Key indicators of a COVID-19 infection include high fever, dry cough, tiredness, breathlessness or loss of sense of taste and/or smell.

A full list of potential indicator symptoms can be found here:

https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_3

UEFA PROTOCOL: OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

10. International travel procedures

10.1. Team players, technical and operational staff

It is strongly recommended to travel to UEFA matches on charter flights. UEFA reserves the right to make it a compulsory condition for certain competitions. In all other cases, commercial flights may be used with additional precautions.

The following are requirements for teams when travelling:

1. Use of face masks in all public areas during travel
2. Social distancing with anyone outside the group of players and technical staff who have been tested
3. Regular use of hand sanitiser
4. For charter flights, teams must request that the plane is fully disinfected before the flight.

Teams should liaise with the airport authorities at both departure and arrival airports to determine whether special arrangements can be made to minimise contact with the general public, such as the use of a VIP customs and transfer service. Teams must also be prepared to comply with any SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing at the airport that is required by the relevant local authorities.

The host team/host association must make every effort to facilitate the arrival and transfer of the visiting team. This should include direct collection in a private bus at the aircraft, private passage through customs and direct passage, avoiding public spaces where possible, to their bus. This arrangement must be discussed between the host team and the travelling team.

When possible, the return flight should take place immediately after the match.

For matches played in a tournament format, once teams have arrived onsite before their first match in the competition, they must remain on-site until after their respective last match in the competition. Teams are not permitted to leave the tournament venue for training camps, to take part in other matches or for any other reason.

10.2. Team official delegation

The team's official delegation (e.g. club president, board of directors etc) travelling with the players and technical staff must be kept to an absolute minimum. Unless otherwise established by UEFA, a maximum of 10 people from the team's official delegation may attend the match, but must keep in mind that they are not part of the testing pool whereas the players and technical staff are. The team's official delegation is therefore recommended to travel separately from the team's tested pool, and stay in a separate hotel. However, if the same flight and/or hotel is used by both groups, the two groups must maintain social distancing at all times, and best practice hygiene measures applied to both groups, for example during meal times at the hotel. The team's PCO must oversee the measures taken to ensure these two groups maintain proper separation and distancing.

Members of the official delegation must wear masks at all times while present at the stadium on both MD-1 and MD. They will be restricted to Zone 3 on both MD-1 and MD and will not be permitted to enter Zone 1 of the stadium on either day.

10.3. Referees, Match Officers and venue staff

The referees, UEFA match officers and venue staff must take maximum care to maintain strict social distancing at all times while travelling. They must wear a face mask (for mouth and nose) throughout their journey whenever social distancing is not possible, or expected to be impossible, and use hand sanitiser regularly.

11. Local travel procedures

11.1. Team players, technical and operational staff

Team buses must be thoroughly disinfected shortly before collecting the team. It is also recommended that for the team bus driver to be tested for COVID-19 before driving the team. If the visiting team is not using its own team bus and usual driver then they must include these considerations when booking with a local bus provider.

The bus driver should nonetheless be equipped with an appropriate face mask and remain at least 2m from the team members at all times e.g. middle door to be used by all players and staff to enter/leave the bus. The use of plexiglass to isolate the bus driver may be used as an alternative.

11.2. Referees, Match Officers and venue staff

- **Referee team:** The host national association is always responsible for providing transport for the match officials and referee observer.
 - The vehicle used for transporting the referees must be thoroughly disinfected before use by the referee team, and if the RLO is not the driver for the referee team, then it is also recommended for the driver to be tested for COVID-19 before driving the team. Nonetheless the referee driver must also wear an appropriate face mask at all times when in the referee transport vehicle, or when in the presence of the referees.
- **MD:** The host team is required to provide private transfer for the MD from their arrival in the host city to their departure so that they can avoid the need to use public transport/taxis.
- **Venue team and venue staff:** venue teams will need to make their own transport arrangements once onsite (e.g. taxis etc). They are therefore required to wear masks at all times while travelling locally and must use hand sanitiser regularly.

12. Hotels

All team members should if possible be allocated individual bedrooms.

Ideally, an exclusive hotel should be reserved for the sole use of the visiting team during their stay. If this is not possible, the visiting team must make arrangements to prevent any close contact between the team and other guests or staff. This should include

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- Private dining area
 - Private access routes

The teams themselves are solely responsible for handling team equipment and attire.

The PCO should conclude a written agreement with the hotel that includes all the necessary hygiene measures, such as:

- Wearing of masks/ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by hotel staff
- Maximising social distancing by staff
- Cleaning regime of rooms and public spaces (elevators etc)
- Meal arrangements
- Their policy regarding staff who have symptoms of infection

The team's PCO must check that the agreed hygiene measures have actually been taken by the hotel.

During the teams stay, there should be special/thorough disinfection and cleaning of the rooms and spaces used by the team immediately before the team checks in.

Food should be served by the team's own staff and/or as few hotel staff as possible, with food placed on a table and collected by the players/coaches/trainers. No clean-up is to take place until the players have left the dining areas so that the smallest number of hotel staff is present in the dining room during meals.

Team members (both players and technical staff) must not leave the hotel unless it is under previously agreed and organized conditions and does not involve coming into contact with anyone outside of their group. For longer stays, team excursions may be organised, but these must be strictly controlled to ensure social distancing is respected throughout the excursion and/or that appropriate PPE is used by all members of the team delegation if social distancing is not possible. The team PCO is responsible for ensuring that the standard hygiene measures are adhered to during any team excursion.

For longer stays, visiting teams will also need to make appropriate laundry arrangements with their hotel, ensuring in particular that washed clothing and equipment (bibs etc) are only handled by members of the team delegation and not by hotel staff.

13. Stadium Operations

13.1. Hygiene measures at the stadium

13.1.1. Stadium entry

Anyone entering the stadium on MD and MD-1 must have their temperature taken on arrival.

In addition, anyone entering the stadium who is not in the tested groups must:

1. complete an epidemiological acknowledgment form
2. disinfect hands
3. wear a mask
4. maintain social distancing

If a person fails to complete such acknowledgement form, if a person cannot acknowledge the statements made in such form or if a person shows abnormalities in their temperature checks, the HO will be called immediately and access to the stadium will be denied. Additional individual temperature checks may be requested if the person's temperature was taken by a general temperature sensor.

13.1.2. Face masks and hand sanitiser

Face masks covering the mouth and nose must be worn by anyone operating in the stadium at all times on MD-1 and matchday. This requirement is not obligatory on other days (e.g. MD-3, MD-2) if social distancing can be maintained (if social distancing is not possible at all times then a mask must be worn on all days). Failure to comply with wearing masks will be reported to the MD and the venue HO, and may lead to ejection from the stadium.

The requirement to wear a mask includes, but is not limited to, the following target groups: MD, UEFA venue staff, all members of Group 3 of the testing groups, stadium operational staff, stadium stewards, groundstaff, catering and cleaning staff, broadcast staff, media (except commentators during the match), photographers, signage and LED teams and independent medical staff (pitchside emergency teams, stadium medics).

UEFA will provide face masks for Match Officers and Officials and UEFA venue staff. Teams and external contractors are responsible for equipping themselves with their own face masks.

Nonetheless for all matches host teams are required to have an additional supply of face masks which can be provided to other stakeholders at cost price in case they are not equipped with sufficient PPE.

Hand sanitiser must be provided at all access points to the stadium, and at the entry points to each of the stadium zones described in section 13.2 below. Hand sanitiser must be used by everyone entering the stadium or when changing stadium zones.

13.1.3. Stadium hygiene procedures

In general, all areas of the stadium that are in use for the match must be cleaned prior to use. These areas include media working areas, seating (depending on use), offices, meeting rooms and sanitary facilities.

13.2. Stadium zoning

13.2.1. Stadium zones

A zoning system will be implemented in order to prevent any uncontrolled or indirect contact with the teams.

Zone 1 – 'team zone'

Zone 2 – 'pitch surroundings'

Zone 3 – 'tribunes and stadium interiors'

Zone 4 – 'stadium exterior'

Zone 1 – The 'team zone' includes the dressing room areas (team and referee dressing rooms, doping control station, medical room, delegate's office, tunnel), the player

benches, technical seats and any additional seats in the stands used to extend the benches or technical seats, the pitch and pitch surrounds up to the pitch perimeter advertising boards, warm-up areas including a distance of 2m around the warm-up areas. This zone is for the groups required exclusively for match operations (players, substitutes, coaching, technical and medical staff, referees, doping control officers and chaperones, pitch medics, security, hygiene staff) but also people fulfilling the minimum delivery obligations, such as limited HB staff, technical suppliers, VAR, signage, etc. Only those who can present a confirmation of a negative SARS-CoV-2-RNA test will be allowed to enter Zone 1, and no more than approximately 120 people are allowed to be in Zone 1 at any one time.

Zone 2 – The ‘pitch surroundings’ means the area between the pitch perimeter advertising boards and the tribunes. Along the side of the benches this zone extends from 2m from the outer limit of the warm-up area to the tribunes. This zone is for manned camera positions, HB staff (e.g. pitch reporters), photographers, ball children, groundskeepers, LED operators, etc. During preparation times (T1) no more than 100 people are allowed in Zone 2, but once the teams are in the stadium on MD-1 and MD (T2 & T3) no more than 50 persons are allowed in this zone.

Zone 3 – The ‘tribunes’ are the seating sections of the stadium. This includes the usual seating areas as well as the hospitality areas, media tribunes, camera positions and the stadium control room. The ‘stadium interiors’ include all indoor areas at the stadium not included in Zone 1. This therefore includes any team offices and working rooms, stadium offices, media and photographer working rooms. This area may be used for manned camera positions removed from Zone 1 warm-up areas.

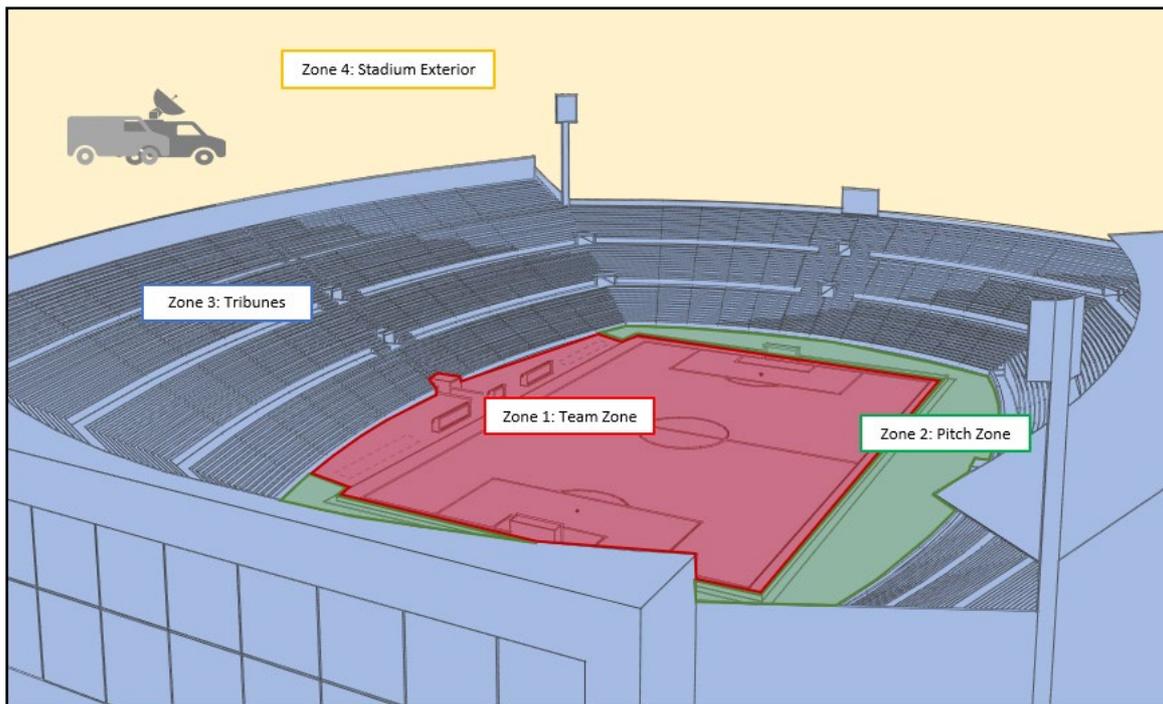
Zone 4 – The ‘stadium exterior’ extends from the outer limits of Zones 1 and 3 (indoor areas) to the outer boundary of the private stadium environs (wall, fence, turnstiles, gate etc.) as well as the broadcast compound even if outside the stadium boundary.

A plan must be prepared in advance in order to define the approximate number of people who will need to be present in Zone 1 and 2 at any given time during the day. The same analysis may be extended to Zone 3 and 4 if the local regulations impose any restrictions to the numbers of people per zone, or in relation to the total number of people permitted in the stadium.

Queuing or other specific gatherings that can be expected (e.g. arrival of media or post-match media activities) must also be identified and mitigation measures taken such as barriers, signage and additional access points.

The match organiser must draw up a staffing plan ahead of each match for approval by the venue HO and the UEFA MD.

The match organiser is responsible for overseeing the movement of people between different zones. The venue HO must take a decision in case of doubt and report any violation of the zoning system to the MD.



13.2.2. Stadium zoning timings

MD-1 and MD are divided into four different time frames for dynamic planning of staff requirements:

T1: Morning until disinfection of Zone 1 starts (normally shortly before arrival of the kit vans which must be announced in advance on the TIME platform)

T2: From the end of T1 until players and officials have left the pitch after the training session/match

T3: From the end of T2 until the players and officials have left the stadium

T4: After all players and officials have left the stadium

13.2.3. Zoning access and movement on MD-1

If either team or the referees are training at the stadium then the following applies:

During T1: transit through Zone 1 area must be controlled and limited to only those people with a specific need.

During T2: movement between Zones is strictly limited. In principle, no one may enter Zone 1 except the tested groups of the teams, match officers and officials and venue staff. Specific exceptions may be possible for operators of approved camera positions.

During T3: movement between Zones 2 and 3 is permitted but in principle, no one may enter Zone 1 except the tested groups of the teams, match officers and officials and venue staff. Specific exceptions may be possible for operators of approved camera positions and broadcast staff to conduct interviews.

During T4: transit through Zone 1 area must be controlled and limited to only those people with a specific need. Movement between Zones 2, 3 and 4 is not restricted.

If there is no training at the stadium at all on MD-1:

At all times, transit through Zone 1 area must be controlled and limited to only those people with a specific need.

Movement between Zones 2, 3 and 4 is not restricted.

13.2.4. Zoning access and movement on MD

During T1: transit through Zone 1 area must be controlled and limited to only those people with a specific need.

During T2: movement between zones is strictly limited. In principle, no one may enter Zone 1 except the tested groups of the teams, match officers and officials and venue staff. Specific exceptions may be possible for operators of approved camera positions.

During T3: movement between Zones 2, 3 and 4 is permitted but in principle, no one may enter Zone 1 except the tested groups of the teams, match officers and officials and venue staff. Specific exceptions may be possible for operators of approved camera positions and broadcast staff to conduct interviews.

During T4: Movement between zones is not restricted.

13.3. Stadium access and accreditation management

The host team is always responsible for accreditation devices allowing access to the stadium. For centralised matches, a UEFA accreditation system will be implemented, but will only be used as a zoning system to allow entry to the different zones of the stadium. The UEFA accreditation system will be used to control numbers entering the specific zones and so the number of accreditation devices issued giving access to each zone will be controlled. The UEFA accreditation will not be used as a stadium access device at any matches, so will not give the bearer access to the stadium on its own.

For all non-centralised matches, in addition to the stadium access accreditation, the match organiser must also implement a zoning system and a corresponding accreditation system that matches the zoning concept described above.

13.3.1. Accreditation system application

The accreditation system must allow stewards to clearly identify who is authorised to be in which zone at what time.

The stadium safety and security officers, stewards and private security must be clearly briefed about both the stadium zoning system and the various times, as well as the importance of its application. All staff working in the stadium must be asked to respect the system and to cooperate fully with stewards.

To highlight the sensitivity of Zone 1, it is recommended to implement a very clear visual floor-level demarcation at all potential points of access to Zone 1 to indicate the start of Zone 1 at each point.

13.3.2. Management of stadium entry and accreditation collection points

Any areas where queuing may be required must be arranged and managed in such a way as to maintain social distancing. Signage, floor markings and barriers/airport tape should be used wherever necessary to facilitate organisation and to inform people of the requirements.

13.4. Team personnel and numbers at the stadium

Teams are permitted to come to the stadium with a Zone 1 tested group of a maximum of 45 persons for each match. This allocation must include everyone from the team who will need access to Zone 1, which means players, coaching, technical and medical staff, logistics support (kit manager and security) as well as key operational staff (team main contact / match manager, press officers etc). Only this group of 45 persons will be permitted to enter Zone 1, and their accreditations will be issued on production of a negative SARS-CoV-2-RNA test confirmation from the last relevant test, together with a photo ID.

Other members of the team who are part of the team's tested pool (up to a maximum of 10 persons) are permitted to come to the stadium, but will not be allowed to enter Zone 1 and must be seated in the additional seats provided close to the bench area near Zone 1.

The team's official delegation (president, board of directors etc) are permitted to come to the stadium (up to a maximum of 10 persons). They will be provided seats in the tribune and will not be allowed to enter Zone 1 at any time.

13.5. Team arrival/departure procedures at the stadium

13.5.1. Arrival

The arrival of each team and the match officials must be staggered to avoid mixing and crowding in the corridors. During team arrivals, the presence of any staff along the route should be kept to a minimum and with stewards in place to temporarily stop any other transit. Any stewards must maintain a minimum 2m distance from the team. Teams may go straight to the dressing room, and may perform a pitch inspection as usual, but must avoid congregating in indoor areas or passing through the tunnel at the same time as their opponent.

13.5.2. Departure

Teams should leave the dressing rooms as soon as possible after the match and the completion of any media obligations.

13.6. Stadium facilities

13.6.1. Dressing rooms

Dressing room areas for the teams and technical staff must optimise social distancing and air circulation. Depending on the actual size of the dressing room, additional nearby rooms or spaces may therefore also have to be used. Ideally, a room or area should be set aside for the team's technical staff and equipment that is separate from the player's changing areas.

In addition:

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- Any saunas, ice-baths, pools or jacuzzies must be closed or drained
 - Any fitness equipment must be disinfected before and after use and must be located either within an area of the dressing room completely separated from the changing area, or in a different room
 - Any physio equipment and massage beds must be disinfected before and after use and must be located either within an area of the dressing room completely separated from the changing area, or in a different room

The same principles apply also to the referee dressing room, and if space is limited then additional rooms or alternative solutions must be found for the referee team.

Cleaning of dressing rooms, team benches and technical areas

The dressing room areas, team access routes (corridors, door handles, handrails, etc.) team benches and technical seats (including any additional seating used to maintain social distancing) must be thoroughly disinfected before the team arrives on MD-1, between the team training sessions on MD-1 and prior to the match. Once the dressing rooms have been disinfected prior to team arrivals, no one may enter until the teams arrive other than tested team support staff, e.g. team kit staff.

Dressing room catering

Teams must agree on the supply of food and drinks to the dressing rooms between themselves and are responsible for ensuring that any food and drink deliveries adhere to all hygiene requirements and minimise any risk of contamination.

The same applies to food and beverages provided by the host to referees and match officers.

For drinks, personal disposable bottles must be used exclusively. They must be collected and disposed of appropriately.

13.6.2. Team benches, technical seats and additional seats

Substitutes and coaching / technical staff must remain at least 1m apart on the bench. Solutions must therefore be found to extend the team benches or separate each seat on the bench. Technical seats must similarly be separated. Solutions to adapt this seating may include the use of adjacent seating in the tribunes if accessible possible.

Up to 10 additional seats must be earmarked in the tribune next to the benches for members of each team's tested pool who are not part of the matchday Zone 1 delegation e.g. suspended, injured or unlisted players or technical staff who are not part of the matchday group. These persons are provided segregated seating close to Zone 1 to avoid any contact with working staff, but they may not enter Zone 1. The seats for these people must therefore be in the tribunes in Zone 3 but must still be segregated from everyone else in this Zone and from any working positions in this area. An appropriate accreditation or access system (e.g. supplementary access device) must be used to access these seats.

13.6.3. Player warm-up areas

Players of each team should warm up in separate zones, so a separate warm-up area should be marked out in each half of the pitch area. If this is not possible due to space limitations, the standard warm-up area must be used, but players of opposing teams must remain as apart from each other as possible during warm-ups.

13.6.4. Doping control

Two separate waiting rooms will be required for players to ensure that social distancing can be maintained. An additional Doping Control Chaperone (DCC) will be required to supervise the second waiting room. The chairs in the waiting room must be positioned 2m from each other. To ensure proper distancing in the toilet area, teams are required to install one mirror opposite the toilet. This allows the Doping Control Officer to observe the passing of the sample at a safe distance.

A specific protocol clarifying any changes to the doping control procedures will be made available in due course.

14. Match operations

14.1. Zone 1 tour and match-day organisational meeting (MDOM)

The normal matchday morning pitch inspection is to be replaced by a Zone 1 tour that must be attended by the MD, main contacts / match managers of both teams, the HO and the stadium manager. The tour must review all the relevant access routes, pitchside seating (benches, technical seats and additional tribune seating), pitchside camera positions etc.

The MDOM will be held immediately after this tour attended by the same group, with all other mandatory participants joining remotely by videoconference, which must be organised by the host team.

This tour and the MDOM can also be held on MD-1 evening if all participants agree.

If for any reason it is not possible to organise the Zone 1 tour and MDOM consecutively, exceptionally the Zone 1 tour can be held on MD-1, with the MDOM on MD morning with everyone attending by videoconference organised by the host team.

14.2. Official reception

The official lunch/dinner is not mandatory. The event and the number of participants should be agreed between the teams in advance and due consideration should be given to social distancing. It is recommended that any person either part of, or in close contact with, the team's tested pool should not attend this event.

14.3. Ball children

For pitches surrounded by an athletic track or significant distance to the tribunes, 6 to 8 ball children may be deployed. If there is no athletic track around the pitch, 4 to 6 ball children may be deployed. They must be positioned in Zone 2 around the pitch behind the pitch perimeter advertising boards.

In addition, 4 to 6 ball children (or groundskeepers) may be positioned in the tribunes (Zone 3), as dictated by the configuration of the stadium.

Ball children must:

- Wear masks

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- Keep the ball on the ground at their feet until needed
 - Disinfect their hands before and after warm-up and before and after each half.
 - Maintain at least a 2m distance from the players at all times

The HO must find out whether parental consent is required for ball children assignments and parents must also be informed of the entrance checks (questionnaire, temperature measurement) applicable to the ball children.

In addition, all match balls must be disinfected at the end of the warm-up (if the same balls are to be used during the match) and during half-time.

14.4. Pitch-side medical team

The pitch-side medical team must use PPE as prescribed by the local authorities and follow the local health regulations for any on pitch lifesaving procedures such as cardiac arrest or spinal trauma.

14.5. Pre-match warm-ups

The time spent in the dressing room should be kept to a minimum. Players may therefore access the pitch to start their pre-match warm-ups earlier than the normal allocated time. Exact timings must be agreed at the latest at the MDOM in order to avoid any overlap with other activities such as pitch maintenance.

14.6. Opening/line-up ceremony

Teams will not line up together in the tunnel as usual before the opening ceremony to avoid congestion in the tunnel area. Teams must therefore exit the dressing room directly to the pitch one team at a time for the on-field pre-match line-up.

Players and referees must maintain at least 1m distance between each person during the line-up ceremony.

No additional activities may be organised (e.g. player escorts, mascots, dancers, musicians, etc.), nor will there be any handshakes between teams or with the referees.

The coin toss will still take place after the line-up ceremony with the two captains and the referee only, while still maintaining a 1m distance.

Pennants may be exchanged as agreed between the two teams.

At half-time and second half the teams should again avoid congregating in the tunnel and must instead exit directly to the pitch according to the timings indicated in the match countdown.

14.7. Players and staff on the bench

Players and staff on the substitutes bench and technical seats are not required to wear masks during the match, but are required to maintain social distancing at all times when seated, and players should limit contact as much as possible when warming up.

Individual labelled drinks bottles must be organised by each team for each person on the bench, as well as for each player on the field.

14.8. Shirt-swapping

Players are recommended to refrain from swapping their shirts.

15. Broadcasters partners, media and technical suppliers

15.1. General principles

All companies and their staff present on site must comply with the applicable national/local legislation as well as all requirements of the UEFA Protocol, including the mandatory wearing of masks at all times in the stadium on both MD-1 and MD

Where involvement in a match is arranged by UEFA, the companies implicated may be required to submit details of their own protocols, hygiene measures and operating plans, which must be adhered to if not exceeded by the UEFA Protocol. Broadcasters must adhere to any national or local requirements with regard to their operations e.g. use of plexiglass dividers between operator positions.

The host team must ensure that any companies or staff operating at the stadium are informed of all the local requirements and restrictions, as well as the operational principles of this protocol. The venue HO must ensure that these requirements are respected.

In principle broadcast and media activities may continue subject to the specifications outlined in this section of the protocol.

15.2. Staffing, facilities and broadcast positions

15.2.1. Number of staff onsite

The numbers of broadcast staff and media attending a match will be decided based on, inter alia:

- applicable domestic legislation;
- working spaces available (e.g. in the media tribune) with appropriate hygiene measures;
- total number of people permitted in the zones as defined in this protocol as well as any limitation on the number people allowed in the stadium under domestic legislation

15.2.2. Broadcast compound and trucks

The compound must be arranged in a way that allows sufficient space for the movement of people without congestion e.g. vehicles appropriately spaced apart, creating additional routes or paths to limit any congestion of people.

15.2.3. Broadcast positions, media and photographers during MD-1 training

Broadcast staff, media and photographers may be present in the tribunes for the standard pre-agreed open part of any team training session in the stadium, provided that social distancing is strictly maintained. Manned camera positions will, in principle,

only be allowed in Zone 2 or Zone 3, however certain standard manned camera positions may be used in Zone 1 (e.g. pitch-side halfway camera, steadicams) provided that they can maintain a 2m distance from the pitch and pitchside technical areas. Remote cameras may be installed in any other standard manned indoor or manned pitchside broadcast camera positions normally used at UEFA matches, subject to UEFA's approval of both the proposed remote camera position and the requested camera usage.

15.2.4. Broadcast positions during the match

Manned pitch level camera positions will, in principle, only be allowed in Zone 2; however, certain standard manned camera positions may be used in Zone 1 (e.g. pitch-side halfway camera, steadicams) provided that they can maintain a 2m distance from the technical areas, player warm-up areas and the assistant referee.

For matches organised by UEFA in the club competition final tournaments, additional solutions for manned pitchside camera positions in Zone 1 may be approved if the camera operators have received negative SARS-CoV-2-RNA test results with 48hrs prior to each match and have worn masks at all times and maintained rigorous social distancing and hygiene measures since being tested.

Any manned camera positions in Zone 1 must be specifically reviewed with the HO and MD.

If manned pitchside camera positions cannot be installed in a way that ensures safe distancing requirements at all times, alternative positions may be located in Zone 3 in the tribunes if matches are played without, or with limited spectators. Alternatively, for such camera positions, as well as for all indoor Zone 1 camera positions (e.g. tunnel cameras), remote cameras may instead be installed, subject to UEFA's approval.

Pitch reporter positions may be located at pitch level in Zone 2, or in Zone 3 in the tribune, depending on the stadium configuration.

'Bench-cams' i.e. cameras whose primary purpose is to film coach/bench reactions may not be positioned between the benches and therefore solutions must be found using positions outside Zone 1.

15.2.5. Photographers during the match

Match photographers are limited to eight at each end of the pitch, four on each side of each goal. They must be in clearly marked positions preferably in Zone 2 behind the pitch perimeter advertising boards, however positions in Zone 3 in the tribunes may also be used if required. There must be a minimum of 2m between each photographer position.

15.2.6. Media tribune

The distribution of media in the stands must allow a 2m distance to be maintained. When in operations, commentators are temporarily exempt from the requirement to wear a mask, but must still wear one at all other times.

15.2.7. Media and photographer working areas

Media and photographer working areas may be used if enough space is available to allow social distancing (at least 4m² per person). Food and beverages may be provided if due measures have been taken for their preparation, packaging and distribution.

15.3. Broadcast and media activities

15.3.1. Press conferences

Pre and post-match press conferences may be held as usual. They may either be organised with a video conferencing/remote system or by taking the following physical protection measures:

- Press conference podium at least 3m from the first row of seats and any photographer positions
- Separate and exclusive access for the team representatives
- Number of media who can attend must be adapted so that a 2m distance between each person can be respected at all times
- Photographer positions must be arranged by the match organiser to ensure a 2m minimum distance between each position and to other media representatives
- All media attendees must wear face masks
- Recording devices (Dictaphones, mobile phones etc) must not be placed on the press conference podium

15.3.2. Filming team arrivals

One manned camera position in a fixed position pre-agreed by UEFA at a minimum of 2m distance from players and team staff routes. If a suitable manned position cannot be identified that allows sufficient distancing from the teams, then a remote camera solution may instead be used subject to UEFA's approval.

15.3.3. Pre-match stand ups

Stand-up positions may be allocated but only in Zone 2 and with at least 2m between the markings of each position. The maximum number of positions available will depend on the stadium configuration.

The number of persons per position is limited to six per position at any one time (including any interview guest).

15.3.4. Dressing room filming

HB cameras and reporters will not be allowed to enter team dressing rooms for filming or pre-match stand-ups. Alternative solutions (e.g. remote cameras) may be considered subject to the approval of UEFA and the relevant team.

15.3.5. Post-match flash interviews

Post-match interviews may be organized on/around the pitch in outdoor Zone 1 areas once the teams have left the area, or in a suitable pre-approved indoor location. The allocated area must allow for 4m² per person. The reporter and camera crew must stay at least 2m from the player at all times. Common sense must prevail in terms of location and access. For example, a player may be asked to leave Zone 1 to access the flash location and if the location is nearby and all contact can be avoided then this is

acceptable. An accompanying steward may be considered. All arrangements must be discussed and agreed beforehand between the HB, team representative and UEFA (for all centralised matches).

15.3.6. Mixed-zones

Mixed-zones must not be organised to avoid congestion of media representatives as well as to reduce risk of close proximity between teams and the media.

Annex A – Testing requirements

1. Testing coordination

1.1. Pre-departure testing

The procedure for Group 1 coordination is as follows:

- UEFA confirm to the Testing Service Provider the teams participating in the relevant round of the competition, together with contact details of each team's MLO
- The Testing Service Provider will contact the team MLO as early as possible (exact date depends on date/time of previous match) to arrange a time for the pre-departure test to be shared with UEFA as well for information.
 - The MLO must also organise an appropriate sampling facility at the team's training ground, stadium or other appropriate facility
 - The testing will be organised to take no more than approximately 2hrs for the entire testing pool to be sampled
- Following the relevant player registration deadline, UEFA will provide to the Testing Service Provider with an initial list of persons to be tested for each team to allow the sampling kits to be prepared
- On the morning of the test, UEFA will provide to the Testing Service Provider with the final list of persons to be tested, with copy to the team MLO.
 - The Testing Service Provider testing will take place with the number of staff present necessary to ensure all samples can be taken within approximately 2hrs
 - The team MLO must ensure the presence of all persons listed on the final list according to the schedule agreed with the Testing Service Provider and shall ensure that all consents and other formalities for which the samples for testing should be taken are signed upfront to avoid delays in the sample collection process.
 - Any players or staff not tested will not be able to travel or enter Zone 1 of the stadium and will not be able to take part in the match
- The team MLO is responsible for ensuring that, in case of emergency, appropriate medical staff are present during the testing procedure
- All members of the Testing Service Provider testing team must wear appropriate PPE for the testing procedure, and any team staff present must wear a mask at all times
- Teams and individuals will be required to sign any relevant documentation allowing the Testing Service Provider to carry out the SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing in accordance with this Protocol
- After the testing, the team MLO and the Testing Service Provider will be requested to sign a document stating that all tests were successfully performed
- Once all tests have been analysed, the Testing Service Provider will share the results:
 - To the team MLO, who will receive the full list of results including positive and negative test results. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the MD being able to cross-check venue access processes.
 - To the local authorities in case of positive results, if necessary.

1.2. Testing at match location

- No later than on MD-10 the MLO of a team for Group 1 and UEFA for Group 2 will contact the Testing Service Provider to inform about the match venue, the participating clubs and related people for whom sample collection for testing should be organised.

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- No later than 48 hours prior to the planned sampling date, the Testing Service Provider will contact the MLO of each team in order to agree on the exact timing of the on-site testing.
 - Unless otherwise organised by UEFA directly, the team MLO is responsible for arranging an appropriate testing location, either at the team hotel, the match stadium or other appropriate location.
 - The morning of the relevant test, UEFA will provide to the Testing Service Provider with the final list of persons to be tested, with copy to the team MLO.
 - The Service Provider tests will take place with the number of staff present necessary to ensure all samples can be taken within 2hrs
 - The team MLO must ensure the presence of all persons listed on the final list according to the schedule agreed with the Testing Service Provider and shall ensure that all consents and other formalities for which the samples for testing should be taken are signed upfront to avoid delays in the sample collection process.
 - Any players or staff not tested will not be able to enter Zone 1 of the stadium and will not be able to take part in the match.
 - The team MLO is responsible for ensuring that, in case of emergency, appropriate medical staff are present during the testing procedure.
 - All members of the Testing Service Provider testing team must wear appropriate PPE for the testing process, and any team staff present must wear a mask at all times.
 - Teams and individuals will be required to sign any relevant documentation allowing the Testing Service Provider to carry out the SARS-CoV-2-RNA testing in accordance with this Protocol.
 - After the tests, the team MLO and the Testing Service Provider will be requested to sign a document confirming that all tests were successfully performed.
 - Once all tests have been analysed, the Testing Service Provider will share the results:
 - To the team MLO, who will receive the full list of results including positive and negative test results. Teams and tested persons shall ensure that UEFA is granted access to the individualised negative test results in a timely manner for purposes of the MD being able to cross-check venue access processes.
 - To the local authorities in case of positive results, if necessary.

2. Sampling room

The sampling room must comply with the following requirements:

- a. minimum size of 12 m²;
- b. two office-size tables;
- c. three chairs;
- d. at least one window;
- e. separate entrance and exit;
- f. adjacent waiting room large enough for a group of 5 – 7 people and to comply with the required social distancing measures.

The relevant team is responsible for providing UEFA with sampling rooms (or suitable alternative e.g. tent) that comply with the above-mentioned criteria for use during matches mentioned in the Objectives.

The respective sampling team of the Testing Service Provider is responsible for preparing the sampling room for the tests to be conducted in a sterile environment.

The sampling room must ensure the privacy of the person being tested and be used solely as a sampling room for the duration of the testing procedure.

Only the Testing Service Provider sampling team, the MLO and the persons to be tested are allowed to be in the sampling room at the time of the sample collection.

The Testing Service Provider sampling team and the MLO may request security officers or stewards to ensure that no unauthorised persons enter the sampling room.