



IMC 050S WORLD CUP COVID PROTOCOL

Dated 1 January 2023

PREAMBLE

The IMCC has considered the possible effects of a COVID infection whilst we are in Cape Town for the Over-50s Cricket World Cup (WC).

These considerations include:

- (a) Each team is scheduled to play 8 games in 2 weeks, with the finals at the conclusion of the regular rounds.
- (b) 7–9 teams are staying at the same hotel and there will be indoor mingling among the teams and supporters, including at the Meet-and-Greet, at cricket clubs and the final dinner.
- (c) The COVID virus is highly infectious and has different effects on people, especially those aged over 50 who may have pre-existing medical conditions. This is why the IMCC raised the number of permissible squad players from 16 to 18.
- (d) The virus may mutate into a different form, as recently seen in the USA. Whilst current symptoms flare, the virus affects the capacity of players to play cricket at this level for several days. This could severely affect the number and availability of players to play and the overall level of WC performance, which will impact on the player's enjoyment, return on investment, and the integrity of the WC.
- (e) We are back in Cape Town in 2023 as a result of the spread of the virus in 2020.

Hence, the **AIM** of this Protocol is to **DETECT** and **MINIMISE** the spread of COVID whilst we are all in Cape Town so that we can fully enjoy and successfully complete the WC.

To implement and maintain this aim and to deal with any other medical issues caused or arising from the WC, the IMC has established the IMC Medical Committee, chaired by IMC Committee member Dr Parag Pandya to inform, advise and recommend on any medical measures, including COVID matters, to the IMCC for their consideration and determination. This IMC Medical Committee will comprise at least 2 other duly qualified medical practitioners (to be advised).

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THE IMCC requires ALL TEAMS to comply with these protocols before and during the WC

1. All players, officials and attending supporters ("The Group") are required to have at least 3 recognised vaccinations or be fully vaccinated accordingly to their country's definition, prior to attending the WC. This fact needs to be reported to their IMC Country's Board and then to IMCC by email confirmation to over50sworldcup@gmail.com by 5 February 2023.



2. Each team is required to bring at least 50 rapid antigen testing (RAT) COVID kits for their group's use and secure any other further such tests as required while at the WC.
3. Immediately upon arrival, each member of the group must undergo a RAT test in accordance with RAT best practice (see Appendix "A"). If the test results are negative and there are no respiratory symptoms, such as a sore throat or flu-like symptoms, then no further action is required at this stage.
4. If an individual tests positive, that person must have further PCR testing arranged by the IMCC, at the person's expense. If those tests are positive, then the person must isolate for 5 days in their own room (if necessary, their negatively tested room partner will vacate the room and share with another negative person). If this is not possible, then the Country will be responsible and liable for securing an isolation room for the infected person/s for 5 days when the person can resume normal activities.
5. If any person has any respiratory symptoms, they are required to undergo a RAT. If that test returns positive, the protocol in Point 4 will be applicable and they will be required to immediately isolate and adopt such measures that the IMCC will implement upon the advice of the IMC Medical Committee. If the person tests negative but is still symptomatic, then they should isolate in accordance with Point 4 until the RAT is negative on Days 2 and 3.
6. Team management will daily check whether any members of the Group have any respiratory symptoms. In addition, the players will be required to disclose any respiratory symptoms on their team sheet on game day.
7. A report of any respiratory symptoms, positive RAT or any relevant medical matter within the group must be immediately reported by the team management to the IMC Medical Committee for its consideration and the Country shall advise the IMCC accordingly.
8. In addition to its normal powers to fulfil the aim of this protocol, the IMCC reserves the right to:
 - (a) Advise and immediately enforce any other reasonable and appropriate medical and other measures, including mask wearing and social distancing.
 - (b) Consider and determine any rescheduling of any game. In this regard, any team that intentionally determines that they will bring fewer than 18 players to Cape Town will generally not be granted an application to adjourn their game in order to allow any other players in the 18 to travel and play the adjourned game.
9. The IMCC recommends that every player/team take out COVID insurance.



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Dated 5 January 2023.