



FAQ Health and safety

AGM NECSTour Event 21.- 24.09.2021

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- Will be the NECSTouR AGM a fully safe and healthy event?

Zero risk never exists. However, Tirol Werbung N. 1 priority is the health and safety of our conference attendees, employees and staff supporting. In partnership with the Congress Center Alpbach, they established a safety and health protocol that is following the European and National rules and considering the general development of Covid-19 infections onsite.

You can have an overview of this protocol through the questions below.

They will continue to monitor the evolving situation and guidelines accordingly to the situation. Will find always the latest updated information on the event-website <https://necstour-agm-2021-tirol.b2match.io/page-831>

RULES TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA

- Can I travel to Alpbach from my Country?

Check if your country is considered as a country with low or high incidence rate through the national COVID-19 web portal of Austria.

<https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations>

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You can check all the ongoing entry regulations for Austria in the national web portal and in the *webpage Re-open Eu*

For additional information, we recommend you checking also your national COVID-19 web portal.

We recommend you to constantly check the list of high-risk countries as this is constantly updated: <https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations>



- **Which travelling rules do I have to respect if I am travelling from a high-risk country?**

Participants travelling from a country considered as high-risk (see question "Can I travel to Alpbach from my Country?") must show a negative PCR test or proof of vaccination/past infection.

In addition, they must:

- Fill in a pre-travel clearance through the form *here*
- Respect a 10-days long quarantine when entering in Austria

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- **Which travelling rules do I have to respect if I am travelling through another country?**

If you are staying in another country less than 48 hours while you are travelling to Austria, you will still be considered as coming from your country of origin (see question "Can I travel to Alpbach from my Country?")

You need to have spent the past 10 days within these countries (or Austria) only.

- **Can I leave the country before my 10 days of quarantine are up?**

Yes, you may end your quarantine to leave Austria. Please try to minimise any exposure to others during your trip.

- **When entering Austria, my COVID test cannot be older than 24/72 hours. Is this from when the test was administered or when the result was obtained?**

The 24/72 hours are calculated from when the test was administered



RULES AT THE AGM 2021

- **Which are the current rules to organise an international event in Austria? Which are the additional measures adopted at the NECSTouR AGM 2021?**

In Austria, events can take place when following the protective measures foreseen under the green pass regulation: you will need to show either a negative COVID test or proof that you have been vaccinated/have had COVID.

A FFP 2 face masks are required on public transport starting from 15th September.

For more information on the general rules in Austria check [here](#)

For events and public gatherings, the event organizer can apply additional rules, when it benefits the health & safety of the participants.

Looking at the general development of Covid19 infections in autumn, we feel that we need to make sure all participants have a safe and healthy environment at the event. **For that reason, we have applied additional measurements to enter the NECSTouR AGM 2021 in Alpbach:**

- **A proof that you are fully vaccinated/have had COVID AND an additional negative antigen test.**
Antigen-Testing on-site is provided for NECSTouR Members and it is free of charge. We offer free Antigen testing at the Congress Center Alpbach at defined times (see the question "Where and when can I get tested?")
Make sure you show a proof of vaccination/past infection and a valid negative antigen test before you participate any activity
- **If you are not vaccinated, please make sure you do arrive with a valid PCR test that is valid until end of 22nd September.**
We offer free PCR testing on 21st September from 13:30 – 15:30 (new validation for 22.-23.09. 2021) and 22nd of September from 08:00 – 09:30 (new validation for 24.-25.09. 2021)
- **Wearing a FFP 2 mask is required while you are entering the Congress Center** and will be required until you are seated. FFP2 mask will be available onsite free of charge
- **Please keep at least 1m distance to other participants**
- **Please act accordingly to specific regulations communicated onsite**
We do apologize if you feel we ask too much of you and we do understand that this could be a reason, why you might not join the AGM 2021 on-site, but we do hope you feel our commitment to you and your health, which is most precious for us and this is our main concern while planning the event.



- **Why is an antigen Test needed also if I am fully vaccinated?**

Vaccinated participants can catch an infection and might not have symptoms. Additional testing will make sure that the risk of a covid-infection will be as low as possible during the event.

- **For which days and sessions does the on-site rules apply?**

We need to apply same rules for ALL on-site people and ALL sessions - this is essential. This is why we offer a free of charge testing station at the Congress Center Alpbach shortly before the programme starts (see the question “Where and when can I get tested?”)

- **Where and when can I get tested and how much does it cost?**

There is a number of official test-stations and official screening streets all over Tirol. To make it most convenient for the NECSTouR Members, there will be a testing center at the Congress Center in Alpbach each day **before** the programme starts. The testing is free of charge, Tirol covers the costs. Please note that the following time slots will be available:

Attention !

Free testing will be provided for NECSTouR Members only.

We do ask other participants arriving on the 23rd September to bring a valid testing with you, as testing capacity is limited and will not be free of charge.

Location	Test type / LINK to register	date	Time-slot*
Congress Center Alpbach	Free Antigen-Test (valid 24 hrs) Free PCR Test	21.09.2021	13:30 – 15:30
Congress Center Alpbach	Free Antigen-Test Free PCR Test	22.09.2021	08:00 – 09:30
Congress Center Alpbach	Free Antigen-Test Free PCR Test	23.09.2021	08:00 – 10:00
Register for testing in advance	LINK	registration is open	see above*
Teststation Brixlegg	Free Antigen Testing	24.09.21	08:00 – 09:00
Register for testing in advance	LINK	registration is open	<i>we will assist you booking your slot**</i>

**informations in english on how to proceed will be provides on the website in the download ressources*

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- **How long will**



an Antigen test take until I get my result? How long will be that test valid?

The Antigen test will take up to 40 min to show the result, please make sure you come as early as possible to make sure you can join the sessions in time. (Check the question "Where and when can I get tested?")

Antigen Test expire after 24 hrs, please refresh the test in time (Check the question "Where and when can I get tested?")

- **How long will a PCR test take until I get my result? How long will be that test valid?**

The PCR test takes 24 hrs until you get your result and expire after 72 hours, so please make sure to do the PCR testing on Monday 20th September before you travel to Tirol, so that your PCR test is valid till end of 22nd of September.

From 21.st -23rd of September we can offer you PCR Testing on site to refresh your PCR Test, meaning new results till 23rd September till the end of the programme.

ACCEPTED CERTIFICATES

- **When am I considered vaccinated? Which Vaccines are accepted?**

For the proof of your vaccination, you must print out the certificate and it must contain a QR code. Otherwise, you can prove your vaccination digitally on your mobile phone via App/QR Code

The following vaccines (including mix-and-match vaccines) are recognised: BioNtech/Pfizer, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria and Covishield), Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Sinovac, and Sinopharm. Please be aware that this only applies to entering the country. Sinovac/Sinopharm are not valid for entering hotels, restaurants etc. within Austria
You are considered as vaccinated:

- If you have received both doses of AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria or Covishield), BioNtech/Pfizer, Moderna, Sinopharm, or Sinovac; OR
- Starting on the 22nd after your one Johnson & Johnson dose; OR
- If you have had a COVID infection and have received one vaccination dose (proof of past infection required).

The vaccine certificate is valid for 270 days after the 2nd dose for 2-dose vaccines. For people who have been infected in the past and got one dose of vaccination, it is valid for 270 days after that one dose. For vaccines that require only one dose, it is valid from the 22nd day for 270 days from vaccination.

- **Which certificate for proof of past infection is accepted?**

A certificate for proof of past infection is accepted when:

- Confirmation of the presence of SARS-CoV-2 infection is within the last 90 days (infection must be over at the time of issue),
- It has been issued no earlier than 14 days after initial detection or onset of symptoms,



- The person has been symptom-free for at least 48 hours before the certificate is issued
- There is confirmation that despite the presence of a positive test result, no relevant epidemiological risk emanates from the person named in the certificate.

If there is no proof of vaccination, recovery, a PCR test must be taken before arriving.

- **Which kinds of negative tests are accepted?**

You can present a doctor's/medical certificate (find a form [here](#)) or a test result (PCR or antigen test) issued by a competent authority, either in German or English. It can be digital or a hard copy. Please be aware that PCR tests can be no older than 72 hours, whilst antigen tests can be no older than 24 hours.

Please also note that travellers entering from certain countries are required to show a PCR test, not an antigen test ((see question "Can I travel to Alpbach from my Country?")

Please note that the AGM NECSTouR has additional rules in place (see the section "Rules at the AGM")

IN CASE OF AN INFECTION

- **What happens if my Antigen Test is positive? What should I do?**

Immediately inform the organizers. Contact: Sandra Kremer (0043 676 88158 355) or Johann Kanzian (0043 676 88158 335) and they will coordinate further steps.

You will make a PCR Test immediately and you will be required to remain in your room for the following 24hours and avoid contact with other people waiting for the results of the PCR test.

- **What happens if my PCR Test is positive? What should I do?**

If the PCR test result is positive you will be considered as a confirmed coronavirus case. Official guidelines state that you have quarantine for ten days. The health authority will provide you with further information regarding your contact persons and/or other members of your household.

We recommend you to:

1. Ask the assistance of the organisers. Contact Sandra Kremer (0043 676 88158 355) or Johann Kanzian (0043 676 88158 335) and they will coordinate further steps
2. Go into quarantine as soon as possible and avoid any contact with other people.
3. Call the health hotline with the number 1450
4. Follow the instructions of the experts in the hotline



- **Will the insurance cover all costs in case of an infection?**

Please note that most insurance companies only cover costs for hotel cancellations in Austria, but not for medical treatments. Please, contact your own insurance agent to ask which costs are covered in case of an infection abroad. You may check also if your travel insurance is providing you an additional Covid-19 coverage.

IMPORTANT SAFETY RULES TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED WHEN PARTICIPATING ON-SITE AT THE NECSTOUR AGM 2021

1.) Vaccinated participants arriving in Alpbach:

If you **join activities and the welcome dinner on the 21st September, please visit the testing center at the congress center on 21st September**

If you do **not** join an activity on the 21.st September, please visit the testing center on the 21st or on the 22nd September.

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2.) Non-vaccinated participants arriving in Alpbach:

Please bring a valid PCR test with you while arriving to Alpbach. The nearest official testing center near Alpbach offering PCR testing is in Stans.

We only offer PCR Testing on site starting from 21st of September.

Please make sure that your PCR Test is valid till 22nd September as the new test result takes 24hrs from test to result.

From 21.st -23rd of September we can offer you PCR Testing on site if your PCR Test expires till 23rd September.

Please meet us, if possible, on the 21st September to refresh PCR testing for 23rd and 24th September.