



**DAVIS CUP AND BILLIE JEAN KING CUP COVID-19  
PROTOCOLS 2023**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY OPERATIONS**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

At the time of writing, the World Health Organisation continues to define Covid-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. In other words, Covid-19 has not gone away, and there is no reason to believe that variants of the virus that cause a reintroduction of mandatory movement restrictions, testing and hygiene measures by governments or local health authorities, will not appear in the future.

However, the recent trends in Covid-19 are that:

- Vaccination requirements vary between countries;
- Pre-travel testing continues to be required by some countries;
- There is a reduced focus on public health measures;
- Less testing is being done;
- Approaches to positive tests and close contacts vary between countries;
- Decision-making responsibility is shifting from national to local level;

**FOR THESE REASONS, ALL ITF COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR DAVIS CUP AND BILLIE JEAN KING CUP WILL BECOME RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JANUARY 2023 AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Note, however, that where local health authority requirements are more stringent than these protocols (i.e. where any local requirement exists), those local requirements shall be implemented in full. Host Nations must inform the ITF and the Visiting Nation of any such requirements, no later than the submission deadline for the tie questionnaire.

HOWEVER, the outlook remains far from certain. For example, Covid-19 continues to be associated with:

- Variability and inconsistency in national approaches/responses;
- Uncertain epidemiology (e.g., due to reduced testing);
- Uncertain political responses.

For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that all Host Nations have a contingency plan in place, in the event of a sudden change in Covid-19 policy (whether at a local or national level, or under these Protocols). Such plan should include how to obtain the necessary resources (e.g., qualified/skilled people, PPE, testing kits, sanitiser, cleaning products, hospital beds) and how a change in policy or protocol would be implemented.

In effect, the relaxation of this version ITF Covid-19 protocols devolves the management of infection risk to individuals and teams. That is, there is no barrier to individuals or teams implementing their own protocols, in order to address the risk of infection to the extent they feel necessary.

NOTE: The ITF reserves the right to reintroduce any, all or new Covid-19 protocols at any time and at its absolute discretion. Participants will be given advance notice of any changes to ITF protocols, where possible.

This document (the **Protocols**) sets out the Covid-19 health and safety protocols for all National Associations hosting (Home Nation) Davis Cup Qualifier, World Group I & II and Billie Jean King Cup Qualifier ties in 2023, which must be followed by all Participants (defined as players, support personnel, officials, tie staff, contractors and any other accredited individual), where expressly required.

This document and the protocols outlined in it should be used in conjunction with the relevant *Return to International Tennis Protocols* and supporting documents that can be found at: [www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/organisation/publications-and-resources/tournament-organisers/](http://www.itftennis.com/en/about-us/organisation/publications-and-resources/tournament-organisers/).

The document is subject to ongoing review and may be updated as necessary and without notice.

For the avoidance of doubt, the definition for capitalised terms and roles where not given in this document can be found in the Davis Cup Regulations, the Billie Jean King Cup Regulations or the respective competitions' Hosting Manuals.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of these protocols is to describe the measures that are recommended to protect the health and safety of Participants in the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup in relation to the risk of Covid-19 infection. The sub-objectives are to:

- Set out the testing protocols and associated operations that are recommended when hosting Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup ties;
- Support the ITF's main priority for all ties and events, which is to protect the health and safety of all Participants;
- Provide guidance and support to host and visiting National Associations (NAs) for a consistent and safe approach to hosting ties.

## 3. PRINCIPLES

These protocols apply to those locations at which elements of the tie take place (**Tie Venue**), which is defined as:

- The post-immigration area of the arrival airport;
- Tie hotel(s);
- Tie transport (including to and from airports);
- Site(s) on which practice and/or matches are played;
- Other locations (including but not limited to opening ceremonies, closing/medal ceremonies (Finals only) press conferences, media events, draw location if it is not possible for the draw to be held on-site).

The framework set out in this document forms the basis for the recommendations to adequately protect the health and safety of Participants in relation to Covid-19 testing and operations. All local health and safety requirements and protocols must be implemented.

The following standard precautions are recommended at all times and in all locations during the Tie:

1. Hygiene measures, including hand-washing and coughing into elbows (or tissues and then discarding them).
2. Mask-wearing in crowded indoor spaces, where there is no ventilation.

In addition, Host Nations are recommended to provide:

3. A system of recording and monitoring self-declarations of Covid-19 symptoms.
4. Testing facilities to allow possible cases of Covid-19 to be confirmed.
5. Cleaning of locations within the Tie Venue, according to their frequency of use.

#### **4. COMPLIANCE**

Effective implementation of these protocols requires a programme of monitoring and, where the required standards are not met, enforcement.

The Home Nation, Visiting Nation and all other Participants are collectively responsible for reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

Any Participant who believes or suspects that they (or another Participant) are displaying Covid-19 symptoms, is recommended to report that information to a member of the Covid-19-specific Medical, Health and Safety Team (or, where not in place, the Independent Doctor) immediately.

#### **5. VARIATIONS**

Higher standards than those required under these protocols may be imposed, either where the Home Nation considers it appropriate to do so, or where required by local legislation.

##### **Where required by local legislation**

Home Nations must advise the ITF and the Visiting Nation at the earliest opportunity and no later than four (4) weeks in advance of the tie in the event that locally- or nationally-mandated protocols will be implemented.

##### **Home Nation choice**

A Home Nation or a Visiting Nation may implement protocols that are NOT local or national requirements for its own Participants. The ITF will encourage the Visiting Nation to comply with such protocols, but will not compel compliance. For the avoidance of doubt, no sanctions will be imposed on a nation for failing to comply with protocols.

All such applications for variations should be received by the ITF at least four (4) weeks in advance of the tie (except that, where a variation is required by local legislation, approval is not required). The ITF will advise the Visiting Nation(s) of any approved variations.

#### **6. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL / HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM**

Each Home Nation is recommended to appoint a Covid-19 Medical, Health and Safety Team, as part of their overall tie organisation team, as follows:

- Covid-19 Protocols Officer (see detailed job description at Appendix 4);
- Security Officer;
- Official Organiser;
- Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead;
- Any other person/group required by the Home Nation (e.g. the Medical Commission of the Home Nation);

### **Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead<sup>1</sup>**

Employment of a suitably-qualified Independent Medical Lead<sup>2</sup>, who is available on-site from the Sunday of the week before the tie takes place, is recommended, and whose role involves:

- Secondary screening individuals who display Covid-19 symptoms;
- Advising the tie Referee and Covid-19 Protocols Officer on Covid-19-related medical matters, including being part of the group forming the decision-making process on close contacts. (See Appendix 2).

The Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead should work closely with the Home Nation and Covid-19 Protocols Officer (where applicable) in addition to Local Health Authorities to:

- Design infection control and management measures (see section 15 in these protocols);
- Determine and source appropriate infection prevention supplies and location(s) of those supplies (e.g., hand sanitiser, facial tissues, face masks);
- Develop a tie medical plan. This plan is recommended to include:
  - A contact list containing emergency numbers and local health care resources for players and Participants;
  - The recommended number and type of medical personnel;
  - A medical team personnel and communications structure;
  - Clearly-defined roles and responsibilities of medical team members to include player care, Participant care, testing and screening team, and emergency coverage;
  - The recommended medical supplies, including appropriate PPE for evaluation of individuals with Covid-19 symptoms or who are otherwise being evaluated for possible Covid-19;
  - Identification of medical facility location(s), isolation room location(s), medical personnel locations outside the medical facilities and ambulance location;
  - Entry and exit routes for medical personnel to key locations in the venue;
  - Lines of communication between medical team, local emergency medical services, Home Nation, tie staff, players and other Participants;
  - Information on how to contact the medical team;
  - Information and instruction on Covid-19 to tie staff;
  - Local and national requirements and guidelines;
  - A plan to quickly and efficiently execute appropriate quarantine/isolation procedures if necessary;
  - The process for arranging ambulance transfers to hospital;
  - Notification of all relevant health authorities where required;
  - Ensuring that any infected person does not come on-site and self-isolates.

The Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead is also responsible for:

- Initiating the communication of any positive Covid-19 testing or failure of screening to the relevant parties;
- Triaging individuals who are reporting Covid-19 symptoms;
- Implementing quarantine and isolation procedures for individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19 and for those who have been deemed as 'close contacts' of the affected individual;
- Telephone consultations to quarantined/isolated Participants;

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<sup>1</sup> In this context, 'independent' means someone who, while likely to be contracted by the Home Nation, is not acting as a team member for any nation in the tie.

<sup>2</sup> As an example, this may be a medical doctor, or a medically-qualified nurse with sufficient experience in dealing with Covid-19 and who can complete the responsibilities of this role. If the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead is not a qualified doctor/physician, then a qualified doctor/physician must be on-call at short notice from the first day on which Participants arrive at the venue.

- Keeping the Referee and Event Manager fully informed on all matters relating to Covid-19 at the tie.

To avoid infection of players and Team Members, the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead should be allocated a non-overlapping role with the Independent Doctor<sup>3</sup>.

All Participants should be alert for Covid-19 symptoms. **Note: any Participant who develops symptoms while at the Tie Venue, or has another Covid-19-related issue should immediately contact the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead or (if not available) the Independent Doctor for the tie and follow all instructions issued to them by that person or any other relevant authority.** For the avoidance of doubt, the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead (or, if the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead is not available, the Independent Doctor) may, subject to the approval of the Referee, recommend Covid-19 testing of any Participant who he/she has reason to believe has Covid-19 symptoms.

## 7. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Where entry requirements to the host nation include mandatory quarantine, Home Nations must make all reasonable efforts to obtain a quarantine ‘waiver’ which permits unrestricted entry for team members, ITF staff, officials and, if possible, any additional staff, sponsors and media. *Note: the Davis Cup Committee or Billie Jean King Cup Committee (as applicable) may not permit a tie to go ahead in a location for which the required quarantine period is unreasonably long and no waiver is available.*

To the extent possible, Home Nations should assist those Participants arriving from another country to enter and leave the host country with minimum entry restrictions.

This could, for example, be achieved by the creation of a local authority-approved ‘Safe Zone’, which includes all of the locations within the Tie Venue. This may include:

- Facilitating testing that meets current entry criteria to the host country and for re-entry to the Visiting Nation(s) for their home country;
- Ensuring that Participants are segregated from the general public at all times;

For each tie where Covid-19 travel restrictions apply, an international travel plan may be provided and may manage those travel restrictions, by establishing one or more of the following:

- A preferred arrival airport, ideally with private or defined arrival area segregated from other travellers. All Participants arriving by air are encouraged to arrive at this location;
- Dedicated transportation between the airport and the tie hotel(s);
- An arrival plan for the tie hotel(s), that includes check-in and any required Covid-19 testing upon arrival.
- When and where Participants who are subject to testing must submit to such tests;
- How to avoid the risk that clusters of Participants will arrive for testing at the same time, while maintaining privacy. Cell phone and app will be the main communication method;
- A departure plan to the location(s) of origin for participating team(s), which advises on and, to the extent possible, avoids any entry restrictions to those locations.

Teams should not arrive at the Tie Venue earlier than the Saturday before the week of the tie, where possible. *Note: Visiting Nations should liaise with the Home Nation in relation to practice dates.*

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<sup>3</sup> The Independent Doctor may be on-call from the Sunday prior to the tie, providing that he/she can attend the site at short notice and within 15 minutes, but must be on-site full time from no later than Thursday.

## **8. TIE VENUE ACCESS RESTRICTION**

In order to achieve the overall objective of these Protocols to protect the health and safety of Participants in the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup, the risk that Covid-19 will be transmitted between Participants should be minimised. In pursuit of that objective, the key recommendations of these Protocols aim to ensure that (a) no Participant in the tie has Covid-19 at the time they arrive at the Tie Venue (or as soon as possible thereafter), and (b) the risk of transmission of Covid-19 during the tie is minimised by segregating Participants from those who test positive, and those whose exposure to Covid-19 cannot be controlled or is unknown.

Segregation of Participants from non-Participants (including spectators, where permitted) is achieved by use of access restrictions to the Tie Venue, to which access is strictly controlled in both directions. This is commonly referred to as a 'bubble' and requires clear identification of areas to which only Participants should be granted access and enforcement of those restrictions.

By preventing unauthorised access, the risk of Covid-19 transmission can be significantly mitigated. Therefore, all Home Nations are recommended to establish and enforce access restrictions and implement protocols that prevent unauthorised non-Participants from entering the restricted areas where not permitted under these Protocols

Home Nations are recommended to identify to the ITF an access restriction plan that includes:

1. The locations that comprise the Tie Venue;
2. The dates and times when each location in the Tie Venue will be in use for the tie, bearing in mind that all testing facilities as well as player amenities that need to be in place and functioning from the arrival of the first Participant.
3. All entry and exit points;
4. The means that will be used to ensure that no unauthorised individual gains access to each location within the restricted area (e.g. security, identification);
5. Any non-Participants who will have access to the restricted areas;
6. Cleaning protocols to ensure a Covid-19-free environment for the duration of time when each restricted area is being used for the tie.

This information is recommended to be provided to the ITF Event Manager no later than six (6) weeks before the week of the tie.

Note that, due to their role and experience of infection prevention, it is acceptable for medical personnel (Independent Doctors and Team Doctors only) to exit and enter the restricted areas at any time.

## **9. ACCREDITATION**

The correct use of accreditations at all times is essential to the success of these protocols.

- Where a Tier system is implemented, access to locations within the site boundaries should be restricted according to the Tier status of the Participant. Home Nations should ensure that Participants in different Tiers are separated to the greatest extent possible;
- Accreditations should include logos with sufficiently large icons to be visually checked while maintaining the required physical distancing;
- Accreditations should also be colour-coded to allow visual recognition of the bearer's assigned Tier.

A protocol whereby all Participants complete the ITF Participant Declaration Form prior to being issued with their accreditation and prior to entering the Tie Venue is recommended. Once completed electronically, the Participant receives a confirmation email which is shown to accreditation staff when they collect their accreditation. This protocol is not intended to replace any Terms and Conditions of accreditation required by the Home Nation. In the event that the Visiting Nation requests that one person be responsible for collecting accreditations on behalf of others, that chosen person should be nominated no later than two (2) weeks in advance of the Tie to the ITF and Covid-19 Protocols Officer. The chosen person should not be permitted to collect the accreditations on behalf of others unless those individuals have signed the form in advance and (where applicable) have been subject to, and have received a negative result for, the Arrival Test.

Where implemented, the ITF Participant Declaration Form will be sent to each Home Nation by no later than eight (8) weeks before the start of the tie and the Home Nation should incorporate the form into their accreditation system process.

**IF A PARTICIPANT DOES NOT AGREE TO THE ITF PARTICIPANT DECLARATION FORM (WHERE IMPLEMENTED), THEN THEY WILL NOT BE ISSUED AN ACCREDITATION AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY TIE, PENDING AGREEMENT TO THAT DECLARATION FORM.**

## **10. TIER SYSTEM**

The purpose of creating and assigning Participants to Tiers is to limit the risk of infection to players, and those who are (in general) likely to spend time in close proximity to players, from other groups. Implementation of a Tier system is recommended. Those who are likely to spend more time in close contact with players should be placed in a higher-risk Tier. Accommodation and testing regimes are recommended to be assigned to each Tier, according to that risk.

The risk of infection is related to the number of people in close contact, and the proximity and duration of that contact. Limiting the number of Participants at a tie will reduce that risk. Both Home and Visiting nations are encouraged to keep their Participant numbers to those who have an essential role at the tie and those who are fully vaccinated and/or tested in accordance with these Protocols (and in any case should not at any time breach the physical distancing requirements such that they could be designated as a First Level Close Contact of a Tier I Participant).

### **Tier I (high risk of close contact; recommended to stay in Tie hotel A or B)**

The following groups of individuals are designated as Tier I and should all be accommodated in the same location (Tie Hotel A), with the exception of Exempt Participants as approved in advance by the ITF. If there is not enough space in Tie Hotel A, then the groups in italics must be prioritised for accommodation in a second Tie Hotel (Tie Hotel B). Tier I comprises (where applicable):

- Players and Captains from both teams;
- Team Members (the immediate team entourage meaning any extra players, coaches, trainers, medical and para-medical personnel, physiotherapists, other physicians and any other player support personnel, press attaché and team photographers);
- Doping Control Officer<sup>4</sup>;
- Referee and Chair Umpires;
- Chief Umpire;

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<sup>4</sup> In addition to following these protocols, Doping Control Officers should follow WADA/TADP Covid-19 testing guidelines.

- Review Official(s);
- ITF Event Manager/Operations staff;
- Visiting Nation Team Manager;
- Visiting Nation Team Host
- Official Organiser<sup>5</sup>
- Covid-19 Protocols Officer
- ITF Technical, TV and media staff;
- *Home and Visiting Nation delegates* (it is recommended that as few attend as possible);
- *Home nation/local staff whose role requires them to be in direct contact with other Tier I individuals.*

*Notes: One room is recommended to be held at all Tie Hotels to serve as “Quarantine/Isolation Rooms” in the event that an individual tests positive for Covid-19. See recommendations on room-sharing in the ‘Hotels’ section below. Additional Quarantine/Isolation Rooms are only recommended where any team or delegation member is sharing a room.*

### **Tier II (medium risk of close contact; may stay in the Tie Hotel A or B or elsewhere)**

The individuals below are designated as Tier II. These individuals may interact with Tier I individuals, but those interactions are likely to be less frequent and not as close as those in Tier I (in any case, where such interactions do take place, face masks and physical distancing must be used). As such, they are not required to be in Tie Hotel A or B. They may be staying in another hotel OR not in any hotel at all. In the event that the number of Participants in Tier I is not sufficient to fill Tie Hotel A, then Tier II may be accommodated in that hotel. Where a hotel is used to accommodate Tier I and Tier II Participants, they should be separated to the greatest extent possible (e.g. by using separate floors for each Tier). Tier II comprises:

- Line umpires;
- Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) staff;
- Any other ITF-appointed contractors such as journalists and Live Scoring technicians who have limited contact with Tier I individuals;
- Teams-specific staff responsible for;
  - Court support,
  - Security. Those that guard Tier I restricted areas at the venue (locker rooms etc.) or who need to check Tier I accreditation (players entrance etc.). Note that in countries with an elevated security risk, security staff or local police may escort Participants on official transport and they would therefore need to be allocated to Tier I,
  - Catering & Cleaning: Those that work in Tier I restricted areas at the match site(s);
- Organisation and venue staff;
- Medical Services staff;
- Anti-Doping Chaperones<sup>6</sup>;
- Drivers (including for long-distance transport, such as airport transfers);
- Ball persons.

Tier II Participants who are not staying in a Tie Hotel should comply with these Protocols when outside the Tie Venue to the greatest extent possible.

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<sup>5</sup> In the event that no alternative solution exists, the Official Organiser may interact with Tier II Participants as necessary to undertake their role. Such interactions should be minimised.

<sup>6</sup> In addition to following these protocols, chaperones should follow WADA/TADP Covid-19 testing guidelines.

### **Tier III (low risk of close contact; not required stay in any Tie Hotel)**

These Individuals should not directly interact with Tier I individuals at any time (in any case, where such interactions do take place, face masks and physical distancing must be used). If, for unavoidable reasons, Tier III individuals are accommodated in a Tie Hotel, then they should not use any areas that have been designated for Tier I and II Participant use only. Tier III individuals are:

- Other security staff (i.e. who are not expressly assigned to other Tiers);
- Car park staff;
- Generic site staff;
- All media not otherwise defined as Tier I or II;
- Other catering staff;
- Other cleaning Staff;
- Contractors and retailers;
- Delivery Personnel.

## **11. TIE VENUES**

### **Hotels**

The Home Nation is recommended to secure a minimum of one hotel that is dedicated to the sole use of, and can accommodate all, Tier I Participants (Tie Hotel A). If this is not possible, a second tie hotel is recommended to be sourced (Tie Hotel B).

The Tie Hotel(s) should be dedicated to Participants in the tie i.e. not contain any other guests for the duration of the week of the tie. If this is not possible, then individual floors or corridors should be segregated for the sole use of Participants, with each team being assigned a separate and private floor.

All players are strongly recommended to stay in a single room for the duration of the tie. Room-mates of any person who has a confirmed case of Covid-19 are automatically designated as 'First Level Close Contacts' (except for Exempt Participants) and subject to the Follow-up Testing Protocol described in this document, which may result in them being unable to participate in the tie. All costs associated with isolation will be the responsibility of the nation concerned. *Room-sharing is not recommended for other Participants, except for those from the same household (i.e. spouses other family members and established partners).*

In addition, the following are recommended:

- If the Tie Hotel is not dedicated to Participants, a private check-in area;
- A private entrance for Participants, with direct access to transport. If this is not possible, then a separate waiting area for transport;
- Each team should be given access to exclusive access to lounge/dining facility areas and, if not provided on-site, an exercise area at no cost to the Visiting Nation;
- One other separate eating area for all other tie Participants;
- A maximum capacity of all locations (including seating areas in dining facilities) in the hotel, that allows for compliance with physical distancing;
- Home Nations should take all reasonable steps to ensure that Participant-facing hotel staff comply with these protocols. That is, they should maintain appropriate physical distancing and personal hygiene, and wear masks at all times while on duty; and
- Private lifts should be allocated, to avoid unintentional contact with other hotel users.

### **Testing Zones**

Where testing takes place throughout the week of the tie, two Testing Zones are recommended: one at the Tie Hotel and one on-site. The Tie Hotel Testing Zone may be at a suitable and convenient alternative location, subject to prior approval by the ITF. Testing Zones should be clearly identified to

all Participants. It is recommended that at least one Testing Zone is operational from 0800 on the Saturday prior to the week of the tie, until 1200 on the final day of the tie, as follows:

Day	Hotel Testing Zone	On-site Testing Zone
Saturday	0800-1200; 1400-2000	Closed
Sunday	0800-1200; 1400-2000	Closed
Monday	0800-1200	1400-2000
Tuesday	0800-1200	1400-2000
Wednesday	0800-1200	1400-2000
Thursday	0800-1200	1400-2000
Friday	0800-1200	1400-2000
Saturday	0800-1200	Closed
Sunday	0800-1200	Closed

Any variation to these times should be approved in advance by the Referee. The Testing Zones do not need to be open (but must be available to be open, if necessary) on those days on which testing is not scheduled (see section 14 – ‘Screening and Testing – Tier I and Tier II’, for more information). Testing Zones should include:

- Adequate ventilation (or be outdoors);
- Separate entrance and exit;
- A pre-test waiting area;
- A testing room of adequate size to host at least four people (around 25 square metres), where Covid-19 samples are collected;
- Room dividers;
- Two tables and two chairs;
- Two biohazardous waste bins.

The on-site Testing Zone (where implemented) must be (a) inside the area of the site to which access is restricted by security and/or accreditation, and (b) in such a location that it is not possible for any Participant who is subject to testing to access any on-site facilities (i.e. locker room, hospitality, courts etc.) without passing through it.

#### **Isolation Room**

An on-site Quarantine/Isolation Room is recommended, into which any Participant who returns a positive Covid-19 test while on-site, can be placed. Additional rooms where any Participant displaying Covid-19 symptoms or who is designated as a First-Level Close Contact can be placed (‘Quarantine Rooms’) should be identified, in case they are required.

## **12. GENERAL ON-SITE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Face masks**

- The use of face masks<sup>7</sup> is recommended (except for Participants who have been granted a Mask Exemption by the ITF) at all times in crowded indoor spaces, where there is no ventilation.

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<sup>7</sup> Valve-ventilated masks and bandana-type face coverings are not acceptable, as they do not provide the level of protection necessary. Three-layer masks are recommended (comprising an outer layer that is water-resistant, an inner layer that is water-absorbent and a middle layer that acts as a filter). Masks should be used as follows:

- Participants may apply to the ITF for exemption from the requirement to wear a mask. Applications must be submitted in advance to the ITF at [Covid19@itftennis.com](mailto:Covid19@itftennis.com) (with the subject line 'Mask Exemption') and will be granted only where the Participant provides evidence to the ITF's satisfaction from a qualified professional (e.g. doctor) that he/she has a condition that would qualify him/her as exempt from wearing a mask under the rules of country in which the event concerned takes place. As part of his/her application, the Participant must also provide the rules/guidance of the country in question that demonstrate that his/her condition qualifies for exemption. *Note: such an exemption under these protocols does not supersede any local authority requirement for masks to be worn.*

#### Other

- It is the responsibility of the Covid-19 Protocols Officer to oversee the implementation and enforcement of all Covid-19 protocols at the Tie Venue;
- Information on Covid-19 protocols for the tie in question (where implemented) must be made widely available to all Participants (and, where permitted, spectators) via multiple channels;
- Where Covid-19 protocols are implemented, the ITF will provide a medical communication plan including a case management protocol to be applied in the case of Covid-19 or Covid-19 symptoms at any location that forms part of the Tie Venue.

### 13. TEMPERATURE AND VENTILATION FOR INDOOR FACILITIES

It is recommended that the Home Nation engages an expert to assess and monitor all Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning systems on-site in advance of the tie. Where air conditioning is used, it should be set to use a fresh air supply, rather than recirculation, and air flow should be directed away from individuals.

Indoor facilities should provide normal and standard heating, cooling, and ventilation. The quality of ventilation for indoor spaces and facilities mitigates the risk of transmitting Covid-19.

Home Nations should review the following practical measures for building services operation recommended by REHVA (the Federation of European Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Associations)<sup>8</sup>:

1. Provide adequate ventilation of spaces with outdoor air.
2. Switch ventilation on at nominal speed at least 2 hours before the building opening time and set it off or to lower speed 2 hours after the building usage time.
3. Overrule demand-controlled ventilation settings to force the ventilation system to operate at nominal speed.
4. Open windows regularly (even in mechanically ventilated buildings).
5. Keep toilet ventilation in operation at nominal speed in similar fashion to the main ventilation system.

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clean hands before picking up the mask, inspect it for damage or dirt, place over the nose, mouth and chin (with no gaps between the mask and face), avoid touching the mask during use, and remove by touching only the ear loops. Do not share masks. Ideally, wash masks in hot, soapy water daily.

<sup>8</sup> Accessed from: [https://www.rehva.eu/fileadmin/user\\_upload/REHVA\\_COVID-19\\_guidance\\_document\\_V4.1\\_15042021.pdf](https://www.rehva.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/REHVA_COVID-19_guidance_document_V4.1_15042021.pdf) on 5 December 2021. Alternatively, see: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Heating-ventilation-air-conditioning-systems-in-the-context-of-COVID-19-first-update.pdf>

6. Avoid opening windows in toilets to maintain negative pressure and the right direction of mechanical ventilation air flows.
7. Instruct building occupants to flush toilets with closed lid.
8. Switch air handling units with recirculation to 100% outdoor air.
9. Inspect heat recovery equipment to be sure that leakages are under control.
10. Ensure adequate outdoor air ventilation in rooms with fan coils or split units.
11. Do not change heating, cooling and possible humidification setpoints.
12. Carry out scheduled duct cleaning as normal (additional cleaning is not required).
13. Replace central outdoor air and extract air filters as normal, according to the maintenance schedule.
14. Regular filter replacement and maintenance works shall be performed with common protective measures including respiratory protection.
15. Introduce an IAQ (CO<sub>2</sub>) sensor network that allows occupants and facility managers to monitor that ventilation is operating adequately.

#### **14. COVID-19 SCREENING AND TESTING**

This section pertains to self-declarations of Covid-19 symptoms and close contacts (**Screening**) and Covid-19 testing (SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR (**PCR**) and **Lateral Flow** tests; together, **Testing**) protocols. Self-Declarations of Covid-19 symptoms and all other Screening and Testing under these Protocols are recommended. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that local health authorities require Screening and Testing, then all such requirements shall be respected. The Home Nation is responsible for establishing whether local authorities require testing and/or screening. **Nothing in these protocols is intended to supersede, or exempt Participants from, any testing or quarantine requirements imposed by the authorities in the nation(s) from and to which they are travelling.**

##### **Choice of testing regime**

Where Screening and Testing is implemented voluntarily by Home Nations under these Protocols, either PCR testing or Lateral Flow testing may be used. **For the purposes of ensuring sufficient time to allow proper planning, Home Nations must advise the ITF Event Manager for the tie in question whether or not Testing will be implemented and, if so, the choice of testing regime at least four (4) weeks in advance of the week of the tie.**

Where testing takes place, no later than four (4) weeks prior to the week of the tie, the Home Nation must provide to the ITF for approval:

- The contact details of a local Covid-19 testing laboratory that will analyse Covid-19 samples collected in accordance with the regime specified in this document (where such analysis is applicable);
- Confirmation from the laboratory that it;
  - Has sufficient capacity and materials to provide the required number of tests and/or analyses,
  - Will analyse and report samples within an acceptable turnaround time (the benchmark for which is 12 hours, but no longer than 24 hours, including weekends);
- The number and qualifications of medical professionals used to collect samples and administer the testing;
- The location(s) on site and at the Tie Hotel at which samples will be collected;
- The protocol for sending samples to the laboratory (transport method, frequency);
- The protocol for reporting results to the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead (ensuring that confidentiality is maintained);

- Agreed turnaround time from receipt of samples to communication of results to the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead;

**Exemptions (only applicable where Screening and Testing of asymptomatic Participants takes place)**

Where a Host Nation implements Screening and Testing procedures described in this section, all Participants must comply with them. The only exceptions are for Participants who meet any of the following conditions, who are eligible for exemption from Screening and Testing:

- A certified positive PCR test that was taken between 10 days and 3 months prior to arrival at the tie in question, providing that the Participant does not have Covid-19 symptoms that are not otherwise explained and verified by an infectious disease specialist, or;
- A certified positive IgG antibody test that was taken within 1 month prior to arrival at the tie in question, or;
- Certified full vaccination (completed at least 14 days previously) against Covid-19<sup>9</sup> with a vaccine named on the [World Health Organisation list of safe and effective vaccines](#) (an **Approved Vaccine**).

Following approval by the ITF, all such Participants (**Exempt Participants**) will be exempt from Screening and Testing conducted under these Protocols for the duration of a tie, except An Arrival Test and daily self-declarations, both of which all Participants must complete (where implemented), and are not required to remain within the Tie Venue.

***Note: exemptions from mandatory testing (where implemented) granted under these Protocols are at all times conditional on the Participant remaining asymptomatic. If any Exempt Participant displays any Covid-19 symptoms (as described in the daily self-declarations), then their status as an Exempt Participant shall be revoked and shall not be reinstated unless and until the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead rules out infection with Covid-19, or the period of isolation required locally has been completed. For the avoidance of doubt, once a Participant has completed the local isolation period, he/she may leave the Tie Venue, but may not return prior to the end of the isolation period required under these Protocols. Exemptions extend to ITF-mandated Screening and Testing only. Nothing in these protocols confers exemption from locally-imposed testing requirements.***

In order to apply for an exemption, the Participant must submit their positive PCR test and/or IgG antibody test and/or vaccination certificate showing that all vaccinations have been received and clearly showing the dates of those vaccinations<sup>10</sup> to the ITF, either directly or via their National Association to, or via the ITF UNO accreditation platform (where used)<sup>11</sup> or online, which can be found at [https://itf.formstack.com/forms/covid\\_19\\_exemption\\_request\\_form](https://itf.formstack.com/forms/covid_19_exemption_request_form). Applications by other means will not be accepted.

Where an application for exemption due to being fully vaccinated is based on a single dose of a two-dose vaccination following recovery from infection, confirmatory evidence of the relevant legislation or responsible authority guidance that grants full vaccination under such circumstances must be provided<sup>12</sup>. All applications must be received no later than eleven days prior to the Monday of the week of the tie in question. It cannot be guaranteed that exemption applications received after this date will be processed prior to the event in question. Failure to apply for exemption by the stated

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<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of these protocols, ‘fully vaccinated’ means having received, at least 14 days prior to arrival at the tie in question, all required doses of an Approved Vaccine.

<sup>10</sup> QR codes cannot be read, so will be returned as ‘not granted’.

<sup>11</sup> Covid-19 certificates will be treated in compliance with the requirements of applicable data protection laws.

<sup>12</sup> Participants may only apply for exemption based on a single dose of a two-dose vaccine where their home country legislation allows this.

deadline may result in the Participant being subject to (a) Screening and Testing during the tie and (b) the relevant follow-up protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen.

For exemptions granted on the basis of full vaccination (and only for such exemptions), no further application for exemption is required, as such exemptions do not have an expiry. Exemptions based on positive PCR tests and positive IgG antibody tests must be renewed prior to their expiry, in order to maintain Exempt Participant status. Such renewal is the sole responsibility of the Participant.

All Exempt Participants must be provided with unique identification on, or that can be attached to, their accreditation.

Any requirement from local authorities to deviate from the Screening and Testing specified in these Protocols must be identified to the ITF Event Manager no later than eight (8) weeks ahead of the tie.

### **Consent**

Advance consent to be subject to Screening and Testing is a condition of participation in ties where testing will be conducted. At all other ties, any Participant who is subject to testing as a result of displaying Covid-19 symptoms or being designated as a First-Level Close Contact will also be required prior to such testing. All such Participants will be required to sign the ITF Participant Declaration Form, which records that agreement.

Any Participant who refuses, or otherwise fails to comply with, the Screening and Testing procedures as required at a tie or is found to have failed to comply with the conditions of exemption from Screening and Testing will not be permitted entry to the Tie Venue (other than to the Tie Hotel or chosen accommodation for the purpose of enforcement of these protocols) and may be subject to sanction in accordance with the Davis Cup or Billie Jean King Cup Regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, Exempt Participants must at all times comply with all mandatory Protocols.

All Covid-19 Screening and Testing and related data processing must be conducted in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

All costs relating to non-mandatory Covid-19 Testing shall be borne by the Host Nation. The ITF will bear the cost of mandatory testing of symptomatic Participants only (where implemented).

### **Screening and Testing – Tier I and Tier II**

At all ties, daily Screening (self-declaration of Covid-19 symptoms only) of all Tier I and Tier II Participants (where a Tier system is in place) is recommended. Daily Screening (where implemented) must be conducted prior to departure from the hotel and prior to taking official transport. Secure, official transport must be available directly following Screening (where implemented) and will only take Participants directly to and from the intended final location.

Where Testing is implemented, the following protocol is recommended for all Participants defined as Tier I and Tier II (section 10):

- A Covid-19 Test, with confirmation of a negative result, taken within the 72 hours prior to departure to the tie is strongly recommended. If that test is positive, or the Participant otherwise displays symptoms for which Covid-19 has not been ruled out by a medical professional, the Participant must not travel to the tie. *Note: the country to which a Participant is travelling may have additional entry requirements. All Participants are responsible for checking for such requirement well in advance of travelling, and also for checking for any changes on a regular basis until their departure.*

- For all Participants (including Exempt Participants), a Covid-19 Test on arrival at the tie hotel or, for Tier I and Tier II individuals who are not staying in the Tie Hotel and are not travelling to the Tie Venue by public transport, locally prior to travelling to the Tie Venue for the first time (the **Arrival Test**). Note that, all Arrival Tests (including for those Participants who are not staying at the Tie Hotel) must be administered by a trained professional.
- Tier I or Tier II Participants should only be allowed to collect their tie accreditation when a negative result for the Arrival Test has been received. Where the use of transport is required before accreditation can be collected, a system to indicate that the Participant has passed the Arrival Test should be used. (Notes: Participants must quarantine within their hotel while waiting for the results of their Arrival Test)
- Subsequent Covid-19 Tests, conducted every 2-4 days (the precise interval being determined by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer for each Participant by dates of arrival and competition, but in any case for Lateral Flow testing no less frequently than every 2 days). The Covid-19 Protocols Officer should communicate to every Participant their scheduled day(s) for testing.
- Lateral Flow testing should continue on match days.

*PCR testing frequency and other considerations*

- An example testing schedule for PCR testing is shown in the table below (where such a testing schedule is required). Note that Participants who arrive before Thursday of the week of the tie should have two PCR tests, whereas those who arrive on Thursday or after will have only one.
- For home and away ties played on Friday/Saturday, PCR testing days are as shown in the table below. For ties played on Saturday/Sunday, the PCR testing days should be moved back by one day.

Arrival day	Arrival Test	Test 2
Saturday	Saturday	Tuesday or Wednesday
Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday or Thursday
Monday	Monday	Wednesday or Thursday
Tuesday	Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Thursday	None
Friday	Friday	None
Saturday	None	None
Sunday	None	None

**Important note: Players and Captains must have their second test on Wednesday between 0800-1200.**

Some Participants may require three PCR tests during a tie. These could include:

- Participants who arrive at the Tie Venue prior to the Saturday prior to the week of the tie;
- Participants who require a 'departure test', in order to travel to another country.

Home Nations should establish whether any Participant requires an early Arrival Test and/or a third test. Where an early or third test is required, the Home Nation must ensure that a testing service is available at the necessary time(s), and should coordinate the timing of third tests with the ITF Event Manager.

An electronic document in which the record of completed Testing (where implemented) for each Participant must be maintained and kept up-to-date by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, to which the Referee, Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead and ITF Event Manager have constant access. This will be used to check that all Participants who are subject to Testing (where implemented) complete the relevant requirements. Team Managers are responsible for ensuring that all Team Members are tested on the day(s) required.

Where necessary, testing will be prioritised, according to the need to be on site. Players, the Referee, Chair Umpires and Line Umpires will be given priority of all other Participants for testing. Other Tier I Participants should be given priority for testing over Tier II and Tier III.

The Arrival Test should take place at the Tie Hotel. Participants should be able to do subsequent test(s) at a time of their choice, provided the Testing Zone is open and the test takes place on the required day. Some Participants may need to take their Arrival Test prior to the first day of general testing, so that they can do their job. For example, drivers would need a test no later than Friday if they were required to work on Saturday. Any such requirements should be taken into account when arranging testing schedules.

Participants who fail Screening or a Covid-19 Test will not be granted access to official transport or other parts of the Tie Venue (except for the location at which they are quarantined/isolated) until such time that they are cleared to participate again in accordance with the Follow-up Testing Protocol.

Participants who refuse to comply with the requirements of Screening or Covid-19 Testing (where implemented) will not be granted access to official transport and may be subject to sanction for failing to comply with these Protocols.

#### **Screening and Testing – Tier III**

Tier III Participants are recommended to be required to submit to Screening (self-declaration of Covid-19 symptoms only) only.

#### **Screening and Testing – general**

No change from the chosen testing regime (PCR or Lateral Flow) should take place within 4 weeks of a tie. No National Association shall conduct additional Testing on any Participant prior to informing the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead and the Referee and the reason(s) for such testing.

#### **Site Access**

- No Participant will be granted unrestricted access to a Tie Venue (except where required for the sole purpose of undertaking Screening and Testing), until they have completed all required Screening and Testing for that day.
- A Participant who does not complete all required Screening and Testing (where applicable) for a particular day will not be granted access to any Tie Venue on that, or subsequent days, until all required Screening and Testing has been completed and the results of such testing are negative.
- A system should be implemented by Home Nations to indicate that Participants have completed all required Screening and Testing each day. For example, a system of coloured stickers, with a different colour for each day to show that a Participant has passed all Screening and Testing (given out by those checking self-declarations), may be used. Whatever system is used should also be used to allow Participants to access official transport and other Tie Venues.

The above measures are not intended to replace the usual tie security screening procedures. Security screening will be conducted in addition to Covid-19 Screening and Testing for that day.

## 15. INFECTION MANAGEMENT

This section describes the recommended protocol to be followed if any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test or fails Screening. **Local Health Authority requirements (where in place) for the tie/event in question take precedence over these infection management protocols. ITF Protocols and Local Health Authority protocols will not be mixed or used simultaneously.**

The Referee has sole discretion to call off a tie in progress where, for Covid-19-related reasons (e.g., because there are insufficient players), it cannot be completed, in accordance with the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Regulations.

Where a positive Covid-19 Test result for a Player is received during a match, the Player shall be immediately withdrawn from the match by the Referee, irrespective of the score<sup>13</sup>, where doing so is necessary to comply with local health authority requirements.

The Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead must be provided with all Covid-19 test results (including CT values, where available) no later than the time at which they are received by the Participant.

The ITF Event Manager is responsible for notifying the ITF of all positive Covid-19 Test results via the ITF Covid-19 email address ([covid19@itftennis.com](mailto:covid19@itftennis.com))<sup>14</sup>.

### **Participant returns positive Covid-19 Test result (see also Appendix 1)**

If any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test result, the following protocol is recommended:

- That Participant (the “Affected Participant”), Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Team Doctor of the Participant (as applicable), Referee, Doping Control Officer (for Players only), on-site Media Manager and ITF Event Manager are notified by the Covid-19 Medical, Health and Safety Team;
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Protocols Officer notifies the local public health authorities;
- The Affected Participant is returned to and isolated in their accommodation<sup>15</sup> (or stays there if the test is taken at the hotel). The Covid-19 Protocols Officer provides the identity of the Affected Participant to the hotel. If the test is taken on-site, the Affected Participant is moved to the Isolation Room until they are able to be returned to their accommodation. For the avoidance of doubt, these actions should be taken immediately (*Note: additional accommodation costs shall be borne by the Participant, or his/her National Association*);
- The Affected Participant completes isolation in accordance with these protocols and/or local authority requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Referee or local authority;
- The Follow-up Testing Protocol below is applied.
- If the Affected Participant is an Exempt Participant (or qualifies as such), then the Covid-19 Medical Lead, in consultation with the Referee, may waive the isolation and follow-up testing requirements, providing that doing so does not contravene any local authority requirements and the Covid-19 Medical Lead determines that the Affected Participant does not pose a risk to the health and safety of other Participants. For the avoidance of doubt, the Covid-19 Medical Lead may require the Participant to undergo the Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol.

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<sup>13</sup> It is expected that the Referee will explain the reason for the withdrawal to the Player and Captain, and then to the Chair Umpire, who will inform the spectators that the Player has retired for medical reasons.

<sup>14</sup> This email address is only accessible to the ITF Covid-19 Protocols Officer (the ITF Senior Director, Integrity & Legal).

<sup>15</sup> A Participant who tests positive will be permitted to isolate at home when (a) their home is sufficiently close to drive (alone) there in a reasonable time, (b) the Participant has been declared medically fit to travel, and (c) driving home is permitted by the local public health authorities.

### **Failure of Screening or Participant (including Exempt Participants) displays Covid-19 symptoms**

If this happens off-site:

- The Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Independent Doctors, Team Doctor of the Affected Participant (as applicable), Referee, Doping Control Officer (Players only) and ITF Event Manager are notified immediately;
- That person is returned to and is quarantined in their accommodation;
- The Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Follow-up Testing Protocol is applied.

If this happens while on-site:

- The Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead, Team Doctor of the Affected Participant (as applicable), Referee and ITF Event Manager are notified immediately by the Covid-19 Medical Lead;
- The Affected Participant is placed in the Quarantine Room;
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer (as applicable);
- The Follow-up Testing Protocol is applied.

Once a case of Covid-19 has been confirmed, all locations at the Tie Venue that the Affected Participant visited should be disinfected.

### **Follow-up Testing Protocol**

**Affected Participants must complete isolation and/or quarantine required under this section in accordance with these Protocols and/or Local Health Authority requirements (where implemented) and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Referee or Local Health Authority. Where Local Health Authority requirements are in place for the tie/event in question, these take precedence over these Follow-up Testing Protocols.**

#### **A. Participants who fail Testing (i.e. return a positive Covid-19 Test result)**

- The Affected Participant takes a second Covid-19 test as soon as practicable. If the failed test is a PCR test, then all follow-up tests must also be PCR tests. If the failed test was a Lateral Flow test, then the follow-up tests may be either PCR or Lateral Flow.
  - If the second Covid-19 test is positive, the Affected Participant isolates for 5 days from the day of the first positive test (or as per local requirements, if different). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the 5-day isolation, the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
  - If the second Covid-19 test is negative, a third Covid-19 test should be taken at least 24 hours after the second test, during which the Affected Participant should be isolated.
  - If the third Covid-19 test is negative, the Affected Participant should be permitted to leave isolation (subject to any reason otherwise, such as may be required by the Local Health Authority, or as determined by the tie Referee).
  - If the third Covid-19 test is positive, then the Affected Participant remains isolated for 5 days. For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the 5-day isolation, the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.

#### **B. Participants who fail Screening or develop Covid-19 symptoms or who are designated as a First-Level Close Contact**

*Note: A First-Level Close Contact is anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) who has been in close contact with a confirmed case of Covid-19 (from 2 days before to 5 days after the date of the confirmed case's positive test), or in close contact with anyone with Covid-19 symptoms (from 2 days before*

to 10 days after the onset of the contact's symptoms), where close contact is defined as: being face-to-face within 1 metre for a (cumulative) total of at least 15 minutes; direct physical contact. For the avoidance of doubt, anyone living in or sharing the same household or household-like setting (e.g. hotel room, apartment or hostel) is automatically deemed to have been in close contact. Please note that for ties where the Local Health Authority conducts contact tracing, the definition may be different.

- The Participant concerned takes a Covid-19 test:
  - If that Covid-19 test is positive, the Participant is isolated for 5 days (in the case of First-Level Close Contacts), from the date of most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case (and that Participant becomes an Affected Participant). For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of the 5-day isolation, the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
  - If that Covid-19 test is negative, then the Participant will be subject to the Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol.

#### *Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol*

The Participant takes a Lateral Flow test for 5 consecutive days and, subject to each of those tests being negative and the Participant remaining asymptomatic, shall not be isolated. If any such Lateral Flow test is positive, or the Participant becomes symptomatic, then the Participant should be isolated for 5 days from the earlier of the dates on which (a) the positive Lateral Flow test was taken or (b) symptoms first appeared.

#### C. Inconclusive and unanalysed tests

Where a test result is inconclusive (or where a Participant's sample is not analysed), the Participant concerned is tested again as soon as possible. Pending receipt of the result of that additional test, the Participant shall be presumed to be Covid-19 negative (unless he/she fails the self-declaration in the meantime), but is advised to observe these protocols and maintain physical distancing in the meantime.

#### **Contact tracing (see also Appendix 2)**

The Home Nation establishes whether the Local Health Authority will conduct contact tracing (and under what circumstances) and, if so, the contact tracing process to be followed. This should be shared with the ITF Event Manager.

In the event of a confirmed Covid-19 case, contact tracing is initiated by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer as soon as possible as follows:

1. If necessary, inform the Local Health Authority that there is a confirmed Covid-19 case. If the Local Health Authority conducts contact tracing in accordance with its requirements<sup>16</sup>, then the ITF Event Manager will ensure that any decisions made by the Local Health Authority are also provided to the Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead, Covid-19 Protocols Officer and Referee;
2. In the event that the Local Health Authority will not conduct contact tracing (and no later than 24 hours following notification of the confirmed Covid-19 case), the ITF Event Manager coordinates contact tracing by the ITF, in collaboration with the Referee, Independent Covid-

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<sup>16</sup> The Local Health Authority protocol and criteria for identification of First-Level Close Contacts should be provided to the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, Independent Doctors, Team Doctors and ITF Event Manager in advance of the tie. Participants should note that the precedence given to local authorities' contact tracing procedures may result in longer quarantine periods than stated in these protocols.

19 Medical Lead and Covid-19 Protocols Officer. In the event that there is no ITF Event Manager in attendance, this responsibility is undertaken by the Referee, Assistant Referee or other person approved by ITF. The list of First-Level Close Contacts shall be obtained from the Affected Participant by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, which is done remotely.

3. Irrespective of which body conducts contact tracing, the ITF Event Manager works with the Local Health Authority (as appropriate), Referee, Independent Covid-19 Medical Lead and Covid-19 Protocols Officer and ensures that any close contacts identified are quarantined and subject to the Follow-up Testing protocol. On receipt, the ITF Event Manager sends the list of First-Level Close Contacts to the ITF.

Where the ITF Event Manager coordinates contact tracing, the Referee is responsible for notifying players identified as First-Level Close Contacts. Other Participants identified as First-Level Close Contacts are notified by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer.

For the purposes of eligibility, First-Level Close Contacts should not be permitted to compete in any ITF event for 5 days from the day of the Affected Participant's test, subject to the outcome of the Follow-up Testing Protocol or to any local requirements. Close contacts of a First-Level Close Contact (**Second-Level Close Contacts**) are obtained by the Referee (for team members) and Covid-19 Protocols Officer (other Participants) and those contacts are notified of their status as a Second-Level Close Contact, but are not quarantined unless a First-Level Close Contact is confirmed to have Covid-19. The ITF Event Manager sends the list of Second-Level Close Contacts to the ITF.

**Note: decisions made in relation to contact tracing, whether by the Local Health Authority or by the Referee are final and not subject to appeal.**

## **16. TIE VENUE ACCESS, MOVEMENT AND SPECTATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Each Home Nation is recommended to create and implement a Tie Venue access, movement and spectator management plan. The plan should cover all Participants and (where permitted) spectators and is recommended to include:

- Capacity calculation;
- Risk assessment and mitigation measures;
- Identification of a Covid-19 Spectator Officer. Where a tie permits spectator capacity of more than 50% of the venue capacity, a dedicated Covid-19 Protocols Officer for spectator management (the Covid-19 Spectator Officer) should be appointed. The Covid-19 Spectator Officer is responsible for spectator management. (This role may be combined with the Covid-19 Protocols Officer for the tie, subject to ITF approval). In conjunction with the site management team, the Covid-19 Spectator Officer should ensure that an appropriate operations manual is in place, which ensures that the staffing is consistent with needs of the spectator management plan. Plans should be updated as necessary, including stewarding and security, ticketing, communications, catering/sales and medical facilities.;
- Physical distancing management plan;
- Face mask enforcement plan;
- Stewarding and security;
- Ticketing;
- Sales.

### **Specific considerations for Participants**

Where possible, Participants should be provided with:

- Dedicated entry and exit locations to the site and Tie Hotels, not to be shared with any other Participant group;
- Dedicated entry and exit locations to the site for Tier III Participants (not to be shared with any other Participant group);
- Segregated access routes between locker rooms and practice/match courts (players only).

### **Spectators**

*Note: this section is based on the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds, published by the Sports Ground Safety Authority, which can be found here: <https://sgsa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SG02-Planning-for-Social-Distancing-at-Sports-Grounds.pdf>*

For ties at which spectators will be permitted, Home Nations are recommended to submit to the ITF for approval no later than four (4) weeks in advance of the tie, a Spectator Management Plan.

Determination of whether spectators are permitted should, in the first instance, be determined by local legislation. That is, spectators should only be admitted where allowed by local or national authorities, and then no in greater numbers than the maximum specified by the authorities (where applicable). Where spectators will be permitted, Home Nations must provide evidence to the ITF that the proposed number does not breach local authority legislation.

The responsibility for the safety, security and service needs of *all* people present on site lies at all times with the Home Nation. This includes the implementation of measures to maintain physical distancing, and to guard against the transmission of Covid-19 virus.

#### **Capacity (applicable only where local authority legislation imposes limits on spectator numbers)**

Home Nations are recommended to calculate the capacity of the site prior to the tie (and prior to the sale of tickets) in order to comply with local legislation (where applicable). The maximum capacity may depend on the number of available seats, the capacity of other locations (e.g. walkways), or local services to ensure management of arrival and departure.

The decision as to whether to attend a tie is the sole responsibility of the individual spectator. The Home Nation is recommended to make clear to all spectators the Covid-19 measures that will be in place, to aid that decision.

If, for example, spectators are required to wear masks while on-site, then that measure must be enforced fully and equally. Similarly, where spectators must 'brush past' other spectators (e.g. to reach their seats), it may be appropriate to advise that they do so while back-to-back.

Where local requirements permit spectators from the same household to be seated together, then the Home Nation should include that as part of their Spectator Management Plan.

The maximum number of spectators who can be accommodated may be significantly lower than the maximum number under normal conditions. Consideration should be given to the minimum required distance between adjacent spectators, seat width, distance between rows and allocation of seats (i.e. singles, pairs, threes etc.), walkway/concourse capacity, entry and exit capacity, and emergency exit capacity.

In any case, the allocation of seats is recommended to be determined in advance and included in the spectator management plan. Where it is decided in advance which seats will not be used, those seats must be clearly marked as 'out of use'.

### **Risk assessment**

In addition to the risk assessment referred to in section 4, where spectators are permitted, given that they may significantly outnumber other Participants, a spectator risk assessment is recommended to be provided by all Home Nations that are organising their first tie under these Protocols. This should include:

- Identification of Covid-19 hazards, including the risk that spectators will be infected with Covid-19. This will require (among other things) an understanding of the underlying Covid-19 infection rate in the host country.
- Identify the locations where additional precautions must be implemented, such as;
  - Transport arrival points, car parks,
  - Spectator accommodation areas, including hospitality,
  - Site circulation system,
  - Seating areas,
  - Amenity areas,
- Record the findings;
- Implement the precautions;
- Monitor their effectiveness.

### **Covid-19 symptoms**

If any spectator presents with Covid-19 symptoms, the Covid-19 Spectator Officer should be informed immediately, and the spectator and any identifiable close contacts should be required to wear a face mask and taken to the Isolation room. The Covid-19 Spectator Officer should promptly inform the local public health authorities and follow their advice.

### **Physical distancing management plan**

This should show the capacity of all locations on the site, and specific protocols for all operational elements of spectator management, including parking and traffic management, pedestrian routes, entry, circulation, facility availability and queueing protocol, sanitiser locations, disabled spectator facilities, exit and traffic dispersal routes.

### **Stewarding and security**

A sufficient number of stewards and security staff should be employed to manage the number of spectators in attendance. Stewards and security staff must be adequately trained and given appropriate PPE for their role (as necessary). It is important that the need for close personal contact is reduced and physical distancing maintained.

### **Ticketing**

A clear ticketing plan should be implemented. This should comply with local requirements. Home Nations may establish a Code of Conduct for spectators, which aims to help protect them and other spectators.

## Sales

On-site sales give rise to risks of Covid-19 transmission due to the preparation and handling of the items, and the queueing or congestion leading up to such sales. Where possible:

- Sales should be contactless;
- Queueing should be minimised;
- Signage to manage queues should be provided;
- No printed materials should be provided;
- Where promotional 'giveaways' are provided, they should be only be handled by persons who have washed/sanitised their hands;
- Sales staff should be trained to avoid close contact.

## Further guidance

For further guidance and details on spectator management, consult the *Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds* (reference at the start of this section).

## 17. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) PLAN

The Home Nation is recommended to create and implement a PPE Usage Plan for the tie. This includes defining the PPE to be used by each Participant and when that PPE should be used. The Home Nation should provide sufficient PPE to meet all the requirements for the tie (recommendations are described in the [ITF Supporting Document – PPE, hygiene and cleaning](#) document).

Instructions as to how to put on and take off PPE safely should be provided to all staff who are required to use PPE as part of their role.

In addition to the above:

- Medical staff are recommended to wear suitable PPE at all times while providing treatment in indoor locations, or where physical distancing cannot be maintained;
- Food service staff should wear face masks at all times while involved in player-facing food service;
- Security staff and cleaners responsible for areas frequented by Participants should wear face masks at all times while on-duty.
- Drivers should wear face masks at all times while transporting Participants to and from Tie Venues.

All necessary medical supplies to deal with Covid-19-related matters should be available and onsite before at least 48 hours before the Monday of the week of the tie.

## 18. CLEANING, DISINFECTION AND SUPPLIES

A detailed and specific "Cleaning and Disinfection Plan" is recommended to be provided for all areas of the Tie Venue, Hotels and Transportation. This should provide for sufficient cleaning supplies to be available throughout the tie. See the [ITF Supporting document - PPE hygiene and cleaning](#) for details.

As part of the plan, the Home Nation is recommended to:

- Designate a person with responsibility to oversee all aspects of the cleaning and disinfection plan;
- Assign specific cleaning staff to player areas as their sole responsibility;
- Place hand sanitiser in all areas where soap and water are not readily available;
- Provide facial tissues in all areas;

- Provide an adequate number of foot-pedal operated rubbish bins in all areas;
- Implement frequent cleaning in all high-touch areas at the start of each day, during the day and evening, and deep-cleans every day after individuals have left the Tie Venue;
- Clean all walkie-talkies every day. Walkie-talkies must be labelled or numbered to ensure that each user uses the same one each day.

All cleaning supplies must be available and onsite before at least 48 hours before the Monday of the week of the tie.

### **Court cleaning and maintenance**

Home Nations are recommended to create a cleaning schedule, which establishes, for each location frequented by Participants, the timing at which cleaning will take place in that location. This should include, at a minimum:

- Courts;
- Toilets;
- Locker rooms and showers;
- Dining areas;
- Hospitality areas.
- ELC booth;
- Live scoring desk;
- Offices;
- Media working room;
- Press conference room;

In general, all court maintenance staff should observe these protocols at all times, i.e.:

- Physical distancing;
- Personal hygiene;
- Use appropriate PPE.

Cleaning of practice and match courts should be done by dedicated teams, at the following times:

- At the start of each day, before the first use;
- Between practices/matches;
- Following final use each day.

Cleaning should include:

- Players' and officials' chairs;
- Chair Umpires' scoring devices;
- Towel holders;
- (Drinks) coolers;
- Ball box;
- Net posts and strap;
- All team and ITF seating;
- Ball persons' cushions;
- Coaching tablets.

In addition, bins should be emptied and supplies of hand sanitiser and disinfection kits checked and replenished if necessary.

### **Match courts – set up**

Physical distancing is recommended at all times by those on court. Hosts should ensure that all preparatory work to the court and court surround is completed in advance of the teams' arrival, to reduce the maximum number of people being on or near the court simultaneously. If this is not possible, work should be done outside of practice times.

Containers to hold players' towels during play at a location at the side or back of the court, which can be easily reached by the players, i.e. not on ground level, and must not be located where there is a risk that they either interfere with play or cover up sponsor banners are mandatory under the ITF Hosting Manual for Davis Cup/Billie Jean King Cup. These containers must be marked so it is clear which one is for each team, but no other branding is permitted.

- Covered pedal bins clearly marked with a sign "Items for disinfection" placed on each court behind the Umpire's chair for used towels are recommended.

### **Matches – Players and Captains**

- Players and Captains should wash or sanitise their hands immediately prior to going on-court.
- Players are responsible for collecting their own drinks and towels.

### **Matches – Chair Umpires**

- Chair Umpires should wash or sanitise their hands immediately prior to going on-court.

### **Matches – Line Umpires**

- Line Umpires should wash or sanitise their hands immediately prior to going on-court;

### **Matches – ball persons**

- Ball persons should wash or sanitise their hands immediately prior to going on-court;
- Ball persons may handle umbrellas for players on request;
- Ball persons who are assigned to support players during changeovers must sanitise their hands prior to each changeover.

## **19. OFFICIALS & BALL PERSONS**

Home Nations should ensure that replacement officials Line Umpires and ball persons are available in the event of infection.

## **20. TIE COMPETITION & PLAYER SERVICES OPERATIONS**

Schematics and renderings are recommended to be positioned on walls and floors to highlight space allocations for following social distancing guidelines and the recommended use of PPE (which types) in all of the following player-related areas; locker rooms, dining areas, team lounges, fitness centre.

### **Transportation**

The use of transportation should at all times comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

The Home Nation is recommended to create and submit to the ITF Event Manager for approval no later than four (4) weeks ahead of the Monday of the week of the tie a detailed travel and transportation plan. The objective of this plan is to ensure that physical distancing and hygiene

requirements can be observed in relation to transportation. Players and Team Members should never travel with any other Participants. For the avoidance of doubt, vehicles used to transport Players and Team Members may also be used (at other times) to transport other Participants. Where practicable, Home Nations should use larger vehicles to make transport more efficient, and are recommended to ensure that physical distancing is maintained at all times during the use of vehicles.

At a minimum, the transport plan should cover:

- Airport pick-up and drop-off;
- Hotel arrival, including check-in;
- Daily transportation schedules for all Participants with access to official transport;

The transport plan is recommended to also:

- Provide sufficient cars / minibuses / buses available for use at all times during the tie;
- Specify the maximum number of occupants per vehicle, which will depend on the social distancing requirements in place (1 metre or the minimum distance defined by local legislation, whichever is the greater);
- Block seats to permit physical distancing requirements to be observed;
- Include screens to separate the driver from passengers (screens should provide a physical barrier between driver and passenger(s), that prevents aerosol transmission – see figure 1 below);
- Encourage, where reasonable, windows of vehicles to be kept open, to ensure ventilation;
- Require drivers and passengers to wear face masks, where it is not possible to adequately ventilate the vehicle;
- Include sanitising of vehicles after each trip and a deep clean at the end of each day;
- Designate waiting areas both on site and at the hotel(s) that allow Participants waiting for transportation to distance from one another;
- Ensure that drivers do not have physical contact with any tie Participant or their belongings;
- The vehicle must only be used to transport Participants directly to, from or within the Tie Venue;
- Only Participants in the same Tier should travel in the same vehicle. Where this is not possible, mixing of Tiers should be limited to the greatest reasonable extent (e.g. by having separate areas for each Tier).

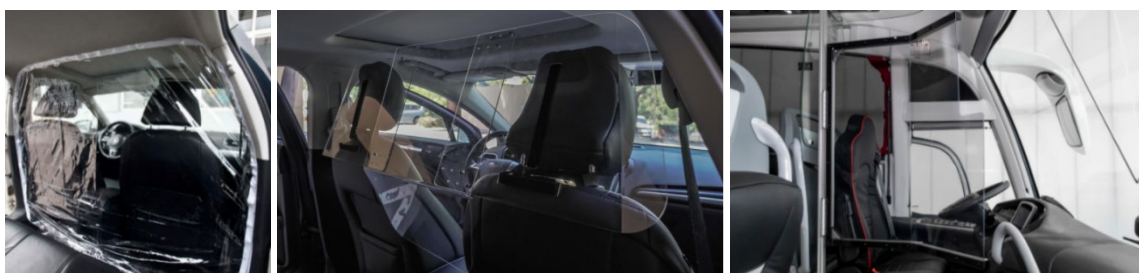


Figure 1. Examples of suitable barriers in vehicles<sup>17</sup>.

Where necessary, Home Nations may schedule a bus shuttle to operate between the Tie Hotel(s) and other locations within the Tie Venue. This would be available for all Participants, but not for the teams. Tier I and Tier II Participants (only) may use their own vehicle to travel between their accommodation

<sup>17</sup> Left: accessed from: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Isolation-Partition-Anti-Saliva-Enclosed-Protective/dp/B086PWZWX> on 15 March 2021. Right: accessed from <https://www.forbes.com/sites/greggardner/2020/07/17/more-lyft-drivers-will-install-partitions-to-protect-against-covid-19-spread/?sh=46014c8e4d3f> on 15 March 2021. Bottom: accessed from <https://www.irizar.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Manpara-separadora.jpg> on 15 March 2021.

and the Tie Venue. Personal vehicles used in this way are considered to be part of the transport plan and therefore subject to the precautions described above.

All Tier I and II Participants should avoid public transport as far as possible. If the use of public transport is unavoidable, then the standard precautions described in section 3 must be followed.

### **Practice courts**

The use of practice courts should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

Timings for practice sessions should allow courts to be cleaned in accordance with the [ITF Practice and Match Protocols](#), including between sessions. Chairs on practice courts, or on match courts when being used for practice on non-match days, should be sanitised between uses. At no time should teams practice with other teams.

### **Fitness Centre/Gym**

The use of fitness centres (where provided) should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

It is strongly recommended that a fitness centre, which is accessible to only players and Captains, is made available for teams either on site or at the Tie Hotel(s).

Mask use is not required while exercising in fitness centres. Fitness centre staff should be provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.

### **Locker rooms (including showers, toilets and changing areas)**

The use of locker rooms should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

Each Home Nation is recommended to create and implement a locker room protocol. This plan should include:

- Separate locker rooms for each team. For the avoidance of doubt, player support personnel are permitted in the team lounge;
- Specification of the maximum capacity of locker rooms (including for players, officials and ball persons). This is determined by the available space, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times between players and captains on the same team;
- Shower availability, to allow physical distancing to be maintained at all times;
- A protocol for the single use and disposal of towels (where provided by the Home Nation). All other disposable items should be placed in designated locations and disposed of safely;
- A cleaning and sanitisation schedule. Frequent cleaning of locker rooms should take place, including between uses and daily following final use;
- A locker room attendant, who is responsible for implementing the locker room protocols, including scheduling and cleaning.

### **Team Lounges**

The use of team lounges should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

Each team should be provided with a lounge as well as a locker room, which must be adjoining or in very close proximity to each other.

### **Food and drink**

Dining should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

When dining at any location in the Tie Venue:

- All tables and table items should be cleaned between successive uses;
- All service staff should use appropriate PPE.
- Tables should be separated to meet the physical distancing requirements and all additional tables should be removed;
- Cash purchases should be avoided if possible;

## **21. ELECTRONIC LINE CALLING AND LIVE SCORING SYSTEMS AND STAFF**

Where advised by the ITF that Electronic Line-Calling (ELC) and/or live scoring is in operation at the tie, Home Nations should provide suitable work spaces for the Review Official, electronic line-calling staff, live scoring staff, the second level statistics assistant, and all of their equipment. Work spaces should allow for physical distancing for the staff from each other and from other people around the court. The should be cleaned after use every day.

Appropriate PPE should also be provided for these staff, including as a minimum, face masks and hand sanitiser and they should be afforded access to first aid facilities if required.

### **Live Scoring**

Where the service is provided by FlightScope, the courtside working position should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3.

### **Electronic Line-Calling**

In addition to the electronic line-calling requirements set out in the Hosting Manual, the Home Nation should provide the following:

- Sole use of the court during any pre-arranged calibration and testing sessions in the court schedule;
- Adequate ventilation in the booth. Where this is not possible, a HEPA filter air purifier must be provided.

## **22. TV**

Following the appointment of a Host Broadcaster, they will be asked to nominate a key contact to whom updates are communicated and from whom the Covid-19 Protocols Officer receives reports of any incidents, illness or non-compliance from the Broadcast sphere.

The Home Nation should provide sufficient PPE for all media.

Cleaning of TV areas should only be undertaken following discussion between the ITF and Host Broadcaster due to equipment specifications. Where cleaning of TV areas is less frequent than for other areas, HBs will be advised to clean and ventilate their own workspaces as necessary.

### **Personnel**

TV crews should not be provided with accreditation that gives access to team areas, including the court, except for the purposes of conducting interviews (and then, only the interviewer and camera operator).

Visiting Nations' rights-holding TV crews should generally be included in general media practices (i.e. Tier III). Where a rights-holding broadcaster wishes to have Tier II accreditation, such as to enable interviews in their national language, such an arrangement is strictly by prior approval of the ITF and will require a separate working area for those broadcasters away from media in Tier III.

In the event that ITF sends its own crew to the tie, it will advise the Home Nation as early as possible. A separate working area from other media should be provided for this crew.

Non-rights holding broadcasters may be permitted to attend the event where practicable, subject to the attendance of such broadcasters complying with physical distancing requirements, which shall be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **Interviews**

All interviews should comply with the standard precautions described in section 3. In addition, a minimum physical distance for post-match on-court interviews of 2 metres is required, which should be achieved through the use of boom microphones or microphones stands. The same physical distancing requirement is required for roving cameras near team benches and any TV rights-holders permitted to interview players.

## **23. MEDIA**

Host Nations should make provision for media (broadcasters, print media, radio and photographers) to be able to work on-site according in compliance with the standard precautions described in section 3. All media-related spaces (including the media work room, press conference room and any other interview areas, on court press seating and photo positions, media dining, and any other operational areas).

For the avoidance of doubt, masks should be worn in the press conference room (see section 12). Where masks are required, individual team members can remove masks when speaking.

Any broadcasters or other media who are present in a press conference with Players and/or Captains, or conducting physically distanced one-to-one face-to-face interviews in person are recommended to be fully vaccinated and have taken a (self-administered) negative Lateral Flow test on the day(s) in question (the results of such Lateral Flow tests should be checked by the Covid-19 Protocols Officer).

Hosts should advise the ITF how many photographers they can accommodate courtside or in other areas of the stadium, while maintaining the minimum physical distancing required. The allocation of photographer credentials should be discussed with the ITF and Visiting Nation and approved by the ITF Event Manager.

## **24. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

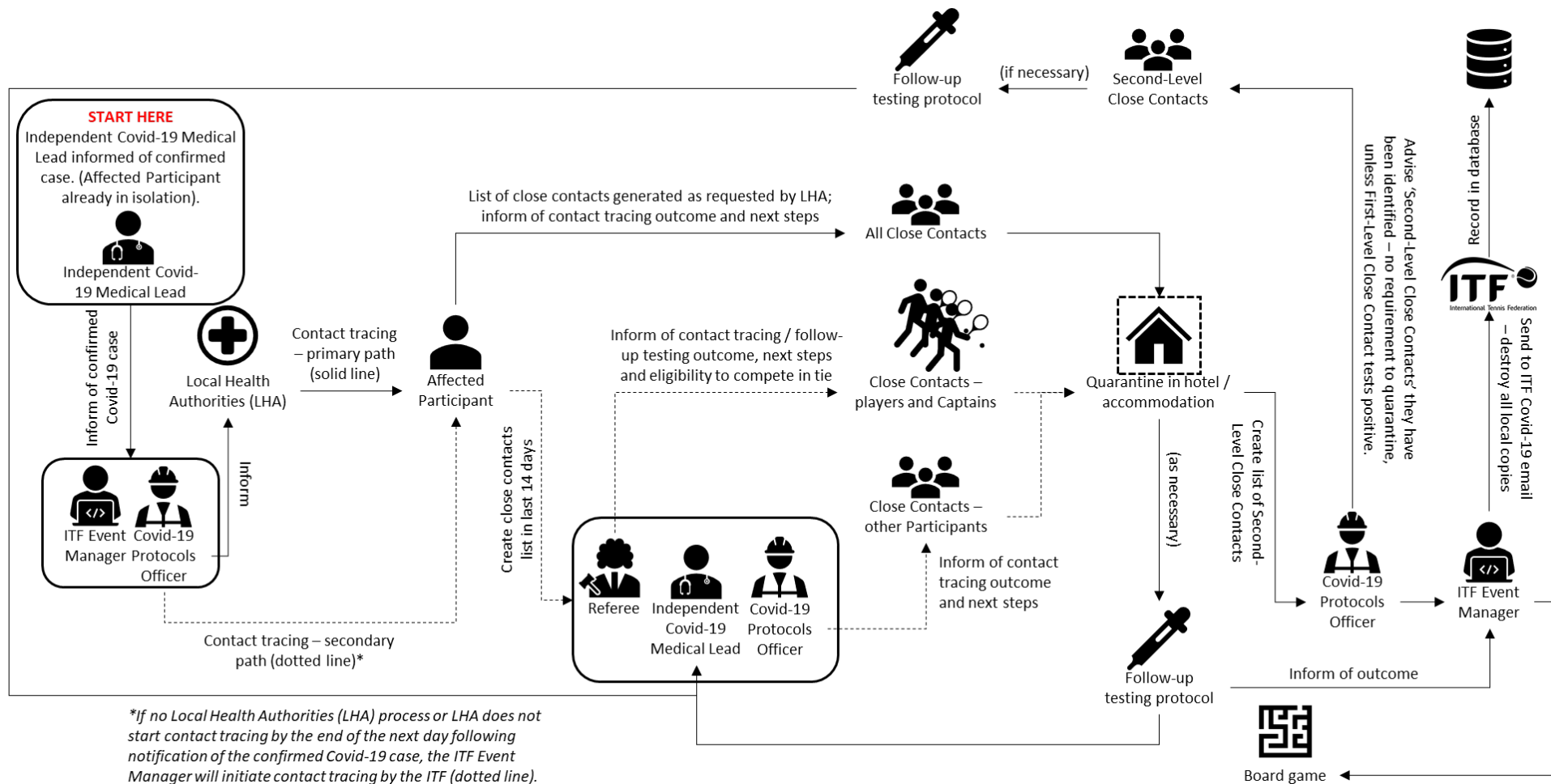
The ITF will create a detailed Communications Plan defining steps to be taken for each medical incident scenario related to COVID-19. This will include an external communications plan for use by NAs at all ties, covering media and other stakeholders to ensure that all incidents relating to COVID-19 are communicated externally in the same way.

Home Nations must create and implement a communications system that allows information sharing between all Participants on site. Points of primary contact between groups (teams, National Association representatives, ITF staff, Officials etc.) must be established.



## APPENDIX 2

### CONTACT TRACING FLOWCHART



\*If no Local Health Authorities (LHA) process or LHA does not start contact tracing by the end of the next day following notification of the confirmed Covid-19 case, the ITF Event Manager will initiate contact tracing by the ITF (dotted line).

### APPENDIX 3

#### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

*Note: this protocol is subject to change, without notice. Last updated – 15 July 2021.*

The Covid-19 Protocols Officer is a full-time, dedicated role, and is crucial in preventing Covid-19 transmission, by liaising with the ITF and local and national public health authorities, educating players, supporting the medical staff and overseeing the implementation of all Covid-19 precautions at a tie. This document also applies to the Covid-19 Spectator Officer.

The Covid-19 Protocols Officer's role begins during the planning period of a tie and continues for the duration of the tie on a daily basis. The Covid-19 Protocols Officer must be on-site from at least two days before the arrival of the first tie Participants to ensure that all necessary protocols have been put in place. They should be on-site every day thereafter from 30 minutes before the first practice until the end of post-match press conferences or practice (whichever is later), and on the last day of the tie should remain on-site until the last tie Participants have left.

The Covid-19 Protocols Officer will have overall responsibility for the following matters:

- Implementation and oversight of the operations for a tie in accordance with the *Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup Covid-19 Protocols*.
- Preparation of the risk assessment for a tie.
- Implementation and oversight of all tie Covid-19 protocols, including creation and enforcement of restricted locations at the tie venue (the 'bubble') and all medical- and sanitisation/cleaning-related protocols at the Tie Venue.
- Ensuring a sufficient supply of hygiene products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Implementation of an emergency response protocol (in conjunction with the Independent Doctors), if necessary.
- Reporting Covid-19-related incidents to the ITF. The Covid-19 Officer will work with others in this regard where necessary, but does not have any disciplinary powers.
- Liaison with ITF and relevant local authorities (including notification of Participants subject to quarantine or isolation to the hotel/accommodation concerned).
- Ensuring that staff are appropriately trained in relation to Covid-19.

When appointing the Covid-19 Protocols Officer, the following attributes should be given consideration as to a suitable candidate:

- Background (a medical, health, health and safety, military or police background may be appropriate).
- Experience writing risk assessments, plans and procedures and their implementation.
- Experience managing operations on a day-to-day basis.
- Ability to provide guidance and support to event organisers, Participants and event staff.
- Ability to take ownership of incidents and crisis management.
- Experience of working with all levels of management.
- Communication skills.
- Language ability (fluency in local languages/dialects is required; proficiency in spoken English would be an advantage).