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RETURN TO INTERNATIONAL TENNIS PROTOCOLS

1. Foreword

In order to support a safe return to international tennis tournaments, the ITF has devised protocols that ITF tournament hosts and Participants must follow, to mitigate the risk of exposure to, and spread of, Covid-19 (the **Protocols**).

This document applies to the following ITF-owned and sanctioned tennis tournaments: World Tennis Tour Mens, Womens and Juniors (including Junior Team competitions), Beach Tennis, Seniors and Wheelchair Tennis.

All Participants in ITF tournaments (which includes players, support personnel, officials, tournament staff, contractors and any other credentialed individual) must comply with the requirements set out in this document.

Information regarding Covid-19 is constantly changing. This document is not intended to be a substitute for guidance provided by local, national or international government and health organizations. The ITF makes no representation as to, and assumes no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this document in respect of its effectiveness in preventing or controlling the spread of Covid-19.

The Tournament Director is responsible for ensuring the welfare of all persons attending a tournament. This document provides the ITF's guidance regarding the minimum standards that a tournament must implement in order to safeguard the welfare of Participants. A tournament may impose higher standards than those described in this document where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation (although there may be cost implications for the tournament). For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these protocols preclude the implementation of additional precautions that aim to manage the risk arising from Covid-19 on an individual or group basis. The Tournament Director must ensure that each tournament is conducted in accordance with these protocols as published at the time of the tournament.

This document is subject to change and may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the ITF. The ITF will make the latest version available on its website: www.itftennis.com. Any questions regarding this document should be addressed to the ITF at covid19@itftennis.com.

2. Introduction

The overall objective of this document is to describe the measures that are necessary to protect the health and safety of Participants in ITF tournaments. By setting out those measures, Participants in all tournaments covered by this document can be confident that the appropriate measures are being taken and have the benefit of a consistent approach.

3. How to use this document

The information in this document describes the main requirements for tournament hosts when organising international tennis tournaments during the Covid-19 pandemic. All tournament hosts are advised to read this document and to familiarise themselves with the relevant amendments to the regulations for the tournament(s) in question.

4. Eligibility to host an ITF tournament

This section describes the criteria by which the ITF will decide whether a tournament is eligible to be added to the ITF calendar of events. In order to be eligible for addition to the ITF calendar, the following criteria must be met:

1. Government legislation must permit a tennis event to be held in the host country.

For the avoidance of doubt, local or national (as applicable) government legislation and guidance in the host country takes primacy over these protocols only where they impose more stringent standards or restrictions, except where expressly stated (otherwise, these protocols shall be applied). Accordingly, where such legislation or guidance prohibits a tournament from being held for any reason, then no ITF tournament in that location will be permitted.

2. The host nation's borders must be open to international visitors, giving sufficient and reasonable access to that nation to players, as determined by the ITF.

'Sufficient' refers to the number of countries from which the host nation is accessible. 'Reasonable' refers to the restrictions imposed at the point of entry (e.g. quarantine). Entry restrictions that are based on a person's vaccination status may be accepted as a reasonable requirement at the ITF's discretion.

At the time of application, tournament hosts must notify the ITF of access restrictions and keep the ITF updated as to any changes in those restrictions. This includes details of any waivers that permit access to the host country to Participants, which are not generally available. Organisers may be required to demonstrate to the ITF that all reasonable steps to obtain waivers have been taken.

3. Each organiser must, on application to host a tournament, confirm that it will implement the minimum standards set out in the 'risk mitigation' section of this document.

Failure to meet any of the minimum standards in the 'risk mitigation' section is subject to sanction under the Code of Conduct of the relevant ITF tour regulations.

Where a tournament that has been added to the calendar subsequently is unable to meet all of the above criteria, the tournament host shall advise the ITF as soon as possible and the ITF Coronavirus Events Group shall determine whether the tournament shall be removed from the calendar.

5. ITF tournament framework during the Covid-19 pandemic

This section sets out the ITF's guidance, recommendations and minimum standards that all tournaments must meet in order to adequately protect the health and safety of Participants in relation to Covid-19. These include:

- Physical distancing must be respected at all times by all Participants and spectators (unless, for spectators in spectator sections of the venue only, local authorities do not require physical distancing).

This applies to all Participants (except for those who require essential physical assistance, in which case the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (**PPE**) must be used where physical distancing is not possible), to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19 by the avoidance of close and prolonged contact. For the avoidance of doubt, compliance with physical distancing requirements applies between Team Members during team competitions.

Physical distancing requirements shall, as a minimum, meet the requirements of the relevant authorities of the host location. Where no minimum is specified by the relevant authorities, or where that minimum is less than 1 metre, the minimum physical distancing shall be 1 metre (except for vulnerable individuals, for whom the minimum is 2 metres – see below). To avoid creating confusion for other Participants, physical distancing must be practised by members of the same household.

Where physical distancing is not possible, then masks must be worn (except for Participants with exemptions – see Section 7). Seating plans should avoid face-to-face orientations, failing which a screen should be placed between facing seats.

- Personal hygiene measures must be taken by all Participants. Personal hygiene includes:
 - Regular hand-washing or hand-sanitising;
 - Not touching your face;
 - Coughing into your elbow, or a tissue and immediately discarding the tissue;
 - Wearing a mask where required.

To facilitate this requirement, tournaments must make available for use by all Participants a suitable supply of hygiene materials at appropriate locations and may wish to provide a package of sanitiser, wipes and tissues to all Participants on arrival.

- Methods of identifying potential cases of Covid-19 prior to entry to the tournament site and of identifying Participants who may have been exposed to Covid-19 during a tournament must be implemented. These methods may include testing or screening. (See ‘risk mitigation’ section).
- Consideration must be given to additional protection for vulnerable individuals. At a minimum, physical distancing for such individuals must be 2 metres. Vulnerable individuals must identify themselves to the Tournament Supervisor and Covid-19 Officer, and are those that are at elevated risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms¹, including:
 - People with underlying health conditions, such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer;
 - People aged 65 and above. (Note: where a multi-age group event includes players of age 65 and above, the minimum physical distance should be 2 metres for all age groups at that event).
- The minimum number of Participants required for the tournament to operate should be permitted on-site.

¹ See, e.g.: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

The risk of infection increases where the density of people increases and where there are failures to comply with physical distancing requirements and hygiene precautions. A full list of authorised Participants and tournament staff and their functions must be provided as part of the tournament's risk assessment (see 'risk mitigation' section).

For team events, the host organiser must advise the participating teams in the event fact sheet of the maximum number of team members, VIPs and other delegates who can be accommodated on site, based on the capacity of the venue. All teams must be permitted the same number of team members, VIPs and delegates.

As a general approach, the maximum capacity in all areas of the venue must be restricted to that which is manageable while maintaining physical distancing.

- Players and support personnel must be segregated from other Participants and spectators, to the greatest possible extent.

Tournament hosts must ensure that tournament staff and spectators/other venue users share as little on-site space as possible, e.g. by providing dedicated routes for players and support personnel to move around the site. Where the tournament venue is used simultaneously by non-Participants, all reasonable efforts shall be made to minimise the shared use of space, particularly at entry and exit points, and in locker rooms, bathrooms and dining areas.

- The Referee has sole discretion to cancel a tournament in progress for Covid-19-related reasons.

Reasons for cancellation include where there are insufficient players to complete the tournament, and where the Covid-19 protocols cannot be implemented such that risk to the health and safety of Participants is elevated. The Referee shall consult the Covid-19 Officer and the ITF prior to cancelling a tournament in progress.

6. Compliance

This section describes the framework by which any failures to meet the minimum standards are managed. Effective implementation of the minimum standards for hosting tournaments requires a programme of monitoring and, where those standards are not met, enforcement.

Tournament organisers and all Participants are collectively responsible for reducing the risk of Covid-19 transmission. Failure to comply with any requirement places the health of other Participants at an elevated risk of infection. Failure to comply by a tournament may result in a sanction under the ITF Code of Conduct including a fine and/or revocation of approval to sanction ITF tournaments.

The Tournament Referee/Supervisor is responsible for monitoring and enforcing failures to comply with the requirements in this document by players and player support personnel. The Covid-19 Officer shall support the Referee or Supervisor to monitor and enforce compliance with these Protocols but has no decision-making authority. Failures by tournaments to comply with requirements will be enforced by the ITF.

7. Risk Mitigation

The Covid-19 virus presents an elevated health risk to all Participants. Steps to reduce that risk must be taken by all ITF tournaments and Participants. Relevant areas in which an elevated risk may exist, and the minimum standards and/or recommendations for mitigation of those risks, are set out below.

Note: nothing in this document precludes tournaments from going beyond the minimum specified standards where it considers it appropriate to do so, or where so required by local legislation.

Pre-event

- Participants should establish and continue to review whether the host country has imposed any entry requirements, such as recent certificates of Covid-19 tests or restrictions based on travel history.

Participants are advised to follow their own government's advice prior to travelling, and follow local requirements on arrival, including maintaining physical distancing and personal hygiene. Some host countries may require negative Covid-19 tests.

- Participants will be required to confirm that they have read these ITF *Return to International Tennis Protocols*, will comply with their requirements in full, accept that they provide an adequate level of protection against the risk of transmission of Covid-19, and assume responsibility for any risk of participating.

Confirmation of acceptance of and compliance with the ITF Return to International Tennis Protocols will be required on entry to a tournament, on application for accreditation, or on arrival on-site.

- All Participants and, particularly, vulnerable individuals who may be at elevated risk of severe Covid-19 symptoms and those who have had Covid-19 are advised to consult with their personal doctors to determine whether it is safe for them to travel to, and participate in, each tournament.

Participants are advised to pack sufficient masks, sanitiser (conforming to maximum allowable volumes), hand wipes and tissues in their hand luggage, so that these items are available to them at all times. For long journeys, a thermometer is also recommended.

- Players and support personnel are advised to review the terms of their travel insurance and, where appropriate, consider taking out insurance against Covid-19-related risks (e.g. travel, health).
- Participants should not travel to tournaments if they have had a positive Covid-19 test (whether PCR or Lateral Flow) within the last 10 days, or if they have or have had any symptoms of Covid-19 within the last 10 days, or if they have been exposed to anyone who has Covid-19 or symptoms of Covid-19 within the last 14 days.
- While not mandatory, all Participants are strongly encouraged to carry a supply of self-administered Covid-19 tests and use them prior to departing for a tournament and on a regular basis (e.g. every 2 days if using Lateral Flow tests, or every 4 days if using PCR tests). For the

avoidance of doubt, vaccination against Covid-19, while recommended, is not mandatory in order to participate in ITF events under these protocols.

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Off-site

- Participants must minimise the time spent in locations to which the public has access, and avoid locations that are crowded, noisy or in which close contact with the public is required. While outside the Tournament Venue, Participants must comply with the protocols described in the *ITF tournament framework during the Covid-19 pandemic* section above. Masks are not required when eating and drinking (except for Participants with exemptions from wearing masks).

Time spent in shared-access locations may increase the risk of transmission, particularly where physical distancing and hygiene precautions are not observed.

Where sleeping accommodation is shared with anyone from outside a household, ventilation using a fresh air supply should be maintained to the greatest reasonable extent.

- Participants must avoid dining in locations to which the general public has access (e.g. local restaurants/bars). If it is not possible to avoid dining in publicly-accessible locations, eat outdoors and ensure that physical distancing and personal hygiene are maintained throughout. Ideally, all meals would be taken in the tournament hotel (preferably in-room dining, but alternatively delivery/take-away).
- All Participants must self-check their health daily, before leaving their accommodation and must not travel to the tournament site if any symptoms of Covid-19 (and, particularly, fever, new or persistent cough, loss or change in sense of taste and smell) are present, or if there has been any exposure to Covid-19.

Where a Participant has Covid-19 symptoms or has been exposed to Covid-19, they must remain in their accommodation/hotel room and contact the tournament Covid-19 Officer. If a Participant is in any doubt about whether they have Covid-19 symptoms, and so whether they should attend the tournament site, they should contact the Covid-19 Officer or the Tournament Doctor prior to leaving their accommodation.

- Masks must be worn (except for Participants with an exemption from doing so) and physical distancing must be practiced at all times while using tournament transport. Except when essential (e.g. flights to the tournament location), Participants should avoid public transport and travelling in vehicles for extended periods (more than 15 minutes) with multiple occupants, where that vehicle is unventilated and/or un-sanitised.

Site access

- Before entering the tournament site, all Participants must complete a daily self-declaration of being Covid-19 symptom-free and not having had any high-risk contacts in the last 14 days, and be subject to daily temperature screening. Only those Participants who comply with, and meet the requirements of, screening are permitted on-site.

Tournament hosts must comply with any testing that is required by the relevant local authorities in the country concerned and which goes beyond the ITF minimum standards. Where additional testing is required by such authorities, and unless otherwise approved by the ITF, up to 50% of the cost of each test or US\$20 (whichever is the lower) for a maximum of three tests at any tournament may be passed on to the Participant. Where such testing is not required by local authorities, but is implemented at the discretion of the Tournament host, all of the cost of such testing shall be borne by the Tournament host.

Failure to comply with testing (including any additional testing imposed by location government) will result in the person concerned being denied entry to the site and not being permitted to participate in any ITF tournament until such time that they comply with those requirements in full.

Due to the rate of false negatives associated with Covid-19 tests, a negative test does not offset a failure to meet the requirements of screening.

Where a Participant has (a) a certified positive SARS-Cov-2 RT-PCR test that was taken between 10 days and 90 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (b) a certified positive IgG antibody test that was taken within 30 days prior to arrival at the event in question, or (c) been fully vaccinated (at least 14 days previously) against Covid-19 with a vaccine named on the World Health Organisation list of approved vaccines (www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice) and does not have Covid-19 symptoms that are not otherwise explained and verified by an infectious disease specialist, that Participant may be exempted from testing and screening protocols for the duration of the event (Exempt Participants), except daily self-declarations, which all Participants must complete.

In order to activate an exemption, the Participant may apply for exemption via the ITF UNO accreditation platform². However, for tournaments that does not use ITF UNO, participants will be required to show hard copies of the necessary documents to the Covid-19 Officer on-site. In either case, Participants must produce 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 vaccinations³. Applications and requests for exemptions by other means will not be accepted⁴. The exemptions described above do not over-ride any local requirements.

² Covid-19 certificates will be treated in compliance with the requirements of applicable data protection laws.

³ QR codes cannot be read, so will be returned as 'not granted'.

⁴ 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 provided⁴. All applications must be received no later than seven days prior to the Monday of the week of the tournament in question. **Note that It cannot be guaranteed that exemption applications received after this date will be processed prior to the event in question.** Failure to provide a certificate by the stated deadline may result in the Participant being subject to (a) testing and screening during the tournament and (b) the relevant follow-up protocols in the event that that testing returns a positive result or a failed screen. 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.

Exemptions 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), or tests positive for Covid-19, then their status as an Exempt Participant shall be revoked and shall not be reinstated unless and until the Independent Doctor rules out infection with Covid-19 or the relevant isolation requirements.

- Participants must comply with case management protocols if they fail to meet self-reporting or screening requirements. Participants must report to the ITF positive Covid-19 tests or Covid-19 symptoms that happen within 14 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue.

‘Exposed’ refers to anyone who has been in close contact with the affected individual within the previous 48 hours of the onset of the affected individual’s symptoms. A Close Contact is defined as: anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case’s onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): being face-to-face within 1 metre for a 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 classed as a Close Contact.

- Following a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19, or following exposure to Covid-19, Participants must comply with the ITF ‘return to competition’ protocols, as described in the case management protocol (available as a separate document).

On-site

- All sign-in will be remote (online/telephone). Players must speak to the Supervisor of the event in person. Leaving a voicemail is not sufficient. Tournaments may extend the sign-in period to accommodate telephone sign-in.
- A maximum of one support person per player will be permitted on-site for individual indoor events, and a maximum of two support persons per player for individual outdoor events, except for players who need essential physical assistance during competition, in which case such additional essential person(s) are permitted.

As an example, a physiotherapist will not typically meet the definition of providing “essential physical assistance” and so will not be permitted as an additional accompanying support person on-site, as physiotherapy can be provided off site. For the avoidance of doubt, any additional support person beyond those permitted must have been approved in writing in advance by the ITF.

Competition

- ITF practice and match protocols (available as a separate document) must be observed throughout a tournament. Where a positive Covid-19 result for a Player is received during a match, the Referee shall immediately withdraw the Player from the match, irrespective of the score.

- Use of locker rooms (including for players, officials and ball persons) will be determined by the available space, such that physical distancing can be maintained at all times. No player support personnel are permitted in locker rooms, except for support personnel required to provide essential physical assistance.

Showers are permitted only after matches and only where:

- Physical distancing can be maintained;
- Where the player is competing in more than one match in a day and during team events.

Where the locker room includes the team lounge, the shower area must be physically separated from all other parts of the lounge.

- For the avoidance of doubt, medical treatment is subject to these protocols. Non-Covid-19 medical treatment will be limited to the reasonable time necessary for completion. Players must wear masks while obtaining medical treatment.

Participants must wear masks during anti-doping testing (except for Participants with exemptions from doing so). Anti-Doping staff must comply with physical distancing, hygiene measures and daily screening while conducting their duties.

General

- The ITF case management protocol must be implemented if a Participant does not meet the requirements of the screening (for which responsibility of the Tournament Supervisor/Referee is responsible), or if any person tests positive for Covid-19 or reports Covid-19 symptoms within 14 days of the date on which they left the tournament venue (which the player is obliged to report and which the ITF will implement). Case management protocols are [provided](#) at Appendix One.
- 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 and will be granted where the Participant provides evidence to the ITF's satisfaction from a qualified professional (e.g. doctor) that the Participant 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 the application, the Participant must also provide the rules/guidance of the country in question. *Note: such an exemption under these protocols does not supersede any local authority requirement for masks to be worn.*

APPENDIX – CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOLS

This appendix describes the protocol to be followed if any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test or ‘fails’ the self-declaration or the temperature screen. **ITF Protocols and Local Health Authority case management protocols will not be mixed or used simultaneously.**

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 Tournament Referee, irrespective of the score⁵.

The Covid-19 Officer is responsible for notifying the ITF of all positive Covid-19 Test results via the ITF Covid-19 email address (covid19@itftennis.com)⁶.

Positive Covid-19 Test

If any Participant returns a positive Covid-19 Test result:

- That Participant (the “Affected Participant”), the Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified (as applicable);
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Officer must notify the local public health authorities;
- The Affected Participant shall be returned to and isolated in their accommodation⁷ (or stays there if the test is taken at the hotel). The Covid-19 Officer shall provide the identity of the Affected Participant to the hotel. If the test is taken on-site, the Affected Participant shall be moved to an isolation room until they are able to be returned to their accommodation. (*Note: additional accommodation costs shall be borne by the Participant*);
- The Affected Participant must complete isolation in accordance with these protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority;

Failure by any Participant (including Exempt Participants) of self-declaration or temperature screen

If this happens off-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer, and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- That person shall return to and be quarantined in their accommodation;
- The Participant is responsible for informing their employer;
- The Covid-19 Officer should apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.

If this happens while on-site:

- The Covid-19 Officer and Tournament Supervisor must be notified immediately;
- The Affected Participant shall be placed in quarantine;
- The Affected Participant is responsible for informing their employer (as applicable);
- The Covid-19 Officer should arrange a Covid-19 test and apply the Follow-up Testing Protocol below.
- The Affected Participant must complete quarantine in accordance with local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or local authority.

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

⁵ It is expected that the Referee will explain the reason for the withdrawal to the Player, and then to the Chair Umpire.

⁶ This email address is only accessible to the ITF Covid-19 Officer (at the time of writing, the ITF Senior Director, Integrity & Legal).

⁷ 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.

Follow-up Testing Protocol

Affected Participants must complete isolation and/or quarantine required under this section in accordance with these protocols and/or local government requirements and any instructions issued by the Covid-19 Officer, Tournament Referee or Local Health Authority. Where Local Health Authority requirements for follow-up testing are in place for the tie/event in question, these will take precedence over these Follow-up Testing Protocols.

A. Participants who fail a Covid-19 Test

- The Affected Participant should take 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.
- Participants who fail the second Covid-19 Test may not participate in an event covered under these protocols for 10 days, counting from the day of the first positive test.
 - If the second Covid-19 test is positive, the Affected Participant must isolate for the period of time specified by the relevant local authorities, 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 that isolation period or 10-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), 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 shall 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 will remain isolated for the remainder of the locally-required isolation period. For the avoidance of doubt, if the event is still in progress at the end of that isolation period or 10-day non-participation period (whichever is longer), then the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.

B. Participants who fail a self-declaration or temperature screen, develop Covid-19 symptoms or who are designated as a First-Level Close Contact⁸

Note: A First-Level Close Contact is defined by the ITF as anyone (except Exempt Participants, who shall not be designated as such, unless otherwise decided by the Local Health Authorities) with the following exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the confirmed case's onset of illness (defined as the date of the positive test): 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 classed as a First-Level Close Contact. Please note that for events where the Local Health Authority conducts contact tracing, the definition may be different.

- The Participant concerned should take a Covid-19 test:
 - If that Covid-19 test is positive, the Participant will be isolated for the period of time specified by the relevant local authorities 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 that isolation period, then the Affected Participant may take part in the remainder of it.
 - If that Covid-19 test is negative, then the Participant will be eligible for the Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol.

⁸ Where the Participant concerned is still at the location of the tournament, First-Level Close Contacts shall be identified by the Covid-19 Officer. At other times, this shall be the responsibility of the ITF.

- Participants who fail a Covid-19 Test may not participate in an event covered under these protocols for 10 days, counting from the day of the most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case.

Lateral Flow Test to Release Protocol

First-Level Close Contacts may avoid isolation by taking a Lateral Flow test for 5 consecutive days, subject to each of those tests being negative and the Participant remaining asymptomatic. If any such Lateral Flow test is positive, or the Participant becomes symptomatic, then the First-Level Close Contact shall be isolated for the remainder of the period specified by the relevant local authorities from the date of most recent contact with the confirmed Covid-19 case.

C. Inconclusive and unanalysed tests

Where a test result is inconclusive (or where a Participant's sample is not analysed), the Participant concerned shall be 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 or temperature screen in the meantime), but shall be advised to strictly observe these protocols (particularly physical distancing, mask use and hand-washing) in the meantime.