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ABBREVIATIONS

Ct	Cycle threshold
FWCQ22	FIFA WORLD CUP QATAR 2022
LLC	Limited Liability Company
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health in Qatar
PMA	Participating Member Association
RAT	Rapid Antigen Test – a test to detect the presence of COVID-19; results available in around 30 minutes
Rt	Effective reproduction number, it is a measure of how fast COVID-19 is spreading
RT PCR	Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction – a test to detect the presence of COVID-19; results take several hours
SCDL	Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy

DEFINITIONS

- **Bio-bubble**

Bio-bubble refers to a situation where the PMA, referees and other Participants stay isolated from the general public throughout the event.

- **Cycle Threshold**

Cycle threshold (Ct) value is a parameter of the RT-PCR tests for the Coronavirus and determines the viral load of SARS-CoV-2.

- **Cluster of COVID-19 infection**

When 3 or more cases of COVID-19 are identified in a specific client group residing at the same accommodation.

- **Ehteraz**

Ehteraz is the official contact tracing mobile phone application for the State of Qatar. It is available for download on iPhone and Android stores.

- **Vaccination**

An individual is considered fully vaccinated if they have received:

Two doses of any primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in Qatar, or any combination of such vaccines. The second dose must have been administered no more than 15 months before the date of the last intended activity attendance at the event.

Or

A booster dose of an approved vaccine by the MOPH. The booster dose must have been administered no more than 18 months before the date of the last intended activity attendance at the event.

Or

In the case of Janssen Vaccine, a booster (2nd dose) must have been received no more than 18 months before the date of the last activity that will be attended at the event.

Or

One or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine conditionally authorized by MOPH, followed by at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by MOPH. The most recent dose must have been administered, no more than 15 months before the date of the last intended activity attendance at the event.

Or

Three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine conditionally authorized by the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar, with the most recent dose must have been administered no more than 15 months before the date of the last intended activity attendance at the event.

- **Immune**

A person is considered immune if they are fully vaccinated as per the definitions above or that they have had a previous COVID-19 infection and recovered within the last 18 months. A certificate of previous COVID-19 infection with a positive COVID-19 test from an authorized laboratory, healthcare facility or Clinic is considered as a proof of recovery from previous COVID-19 infection.

- **Isolation**

When an individual is kept away from other people, with imposed restrictions on freedom of movement, when known to be infected with COVID-19, even if the person has no symptoms. This can be done at home, another facility if applicable, or in dedicated isolation rooms within the same hotels of residence, depending on the circumstances.

- **Quarantine**

The act of keeping away from other people when the individual has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 as dictated by the MOPH. This can be done in their own home or hotel room (assuming single occupancy).

- **Mobile Bio-bubble**

A term used to indicate separation of official Participants from others, when moving outside their accommodation, with the aim of reducing possible contact with COVID-19 positive personnel.

- **Participants**

Refers to all officially accredited Event staff including but not limited to PMA, Referees, Event Owner Family (FIFA), Accredited Event Workforce, International Accredited Media & Broadcast personnel.

- **Reactive PCR**

When the Ct value of the PCR test is equal to or more than 30.

- **Spectators**

Fans who attend the Event, other preceding events or concurrent activities during FWCQ22, physically in person at an event site. They can be local or international.

AIM AND SCOPE:

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and the potential emergence of new variants of the virus, this document provides guidance on the best ways to safely organize the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ (FWCQ22) (the Event), and any other concurrent or preceding FIFA events or activities with regards to:

- Taking effective precautionary measures to protect the health of all Participants including Participating Member Associations [PMAs], FIFA Family, accredited Event Workforce, Referees and International Accredited Media & Broadcast personnel and other accredited individuals (The Participants) by reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19, before, during and after the Event, inclusive of travel, arrival, accommodation, transportation, training, matches or Event activities and any other preceding activities.
- Providing guidance on the safe isolation and comprehensive management of the Participants with Suspected, Probable or Confirmed COVID-19 infection and providing information on the management of close contacts (Appendix I).
- Guiding all the Participants, healthcare staff and other support personnel, including hotel staff, FWCQ22/Q22, administration staff or any other employee involved in organizing the Event and other preceding activities, on managing the Event in a safe manner.
- The protocol also provides procedures applicable to visiting spectators/Hayya Card holders.

This protocol is a flexible dynamic document. Some or all of the measures found within this document may be changed or modified in line with the implementation of new or revised measures issued subsequently by the MOPH and other relevant government authorities because of the changing status of the pandemic locally and internationally, during the time leading up to the Event and during the Event. Therefore, it is the responsibility of FIFA, FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 LLC (Q22), the Host Country, and all other officials responsible for the organization of the Event, the concurrent mass gathering activities and any other Mass Gathering Activity leading up to, and connected with the FWCQ22, to continuously monitor and implement any relevant updated measures when applicable.

The Protocol is applicable for the FWCQ22, the concurrent activities and any other activity or event leading up to and connected with the FWCQ22. FIFA, FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 LLC (Q22), and the Host Country will define the FIFA events' exclusive periods. Activities outside these exclusive periods will follow the relevant published government COVID-19 and public health measures.

Guidelines and measures applicable may vary depending on the Phase of the Pandemic before and during the Event. The MOPH has structured the COVID-19 Strategic Framework based on defined key indicators which will determine the Pandemic Phase and hence any applicable restrictions, in the country before and during the Event.

The MOPH is the custodian of the Pandemic response plan and retains the right to modify as needed and exclusively interpret the key indicators in deciding the phase of the response plan which will be enforced in the country, and the transition from one phase to the next that might have an impact on the FWCQ22 and other activities. The MOPH will continuously review and amend the protocol accordingly, until the end of the event and any changes to the protocol will be communicated to the relevant stakeholders.

Additionally, the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 LLC (Q22), and the Host Country retain the right to undertake further appropriate measures for non-compliance with this protocol after discussion with FIFA. To ensure compliance of the various relevant stakeholders to this protocol, Q22 and Host Country retain the right to request consent of compliance from participants to be signed when appropriate and needed. Hence, signature of any undertaking required by the State of Qatar prior to arrival including the "Undertaking and Acknowledgement Form Related to COVID-19 Health Measures" could be enforced.

This protocol is based on the current epidemiological status of the pandemic where the number of new cases is receding and the situation of the pandemic appears to be under control. However, if a new variant/s of concern emerges, which evades the vaccine, causes severe morbidity and spreads swiftly across the population, measures will be put in place to halt the spread, particularly across the globe when participants and fans return to their home countries, and to protect the local community and the international visitors to save lives and avoid overwhelming the healthcare system in Qatar.

Other communicable diseases and public health emergencies of international concern are addressed under separate protocols. Please check MOPH website for further details.

The rules of this protocol will take immediate effect for participants and visiting spectators (Hayya Card holders) once published.

TRAVELLING TO QATAR: VACCINATION/IMMUNITY AND TESTING

- All Participants and visiting Spectators (Hayya Card Holders) travelling to Qatar for the FWCQ22 or any other preceding activities and events, will be required to follow the applicable governments' policies, rules and regulations of travel to the State of Qatar, if not specifically highlighted in this protocol, unless waived and exempted by the relevant government authorities. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Participants and visiting Spectators to be acquainted with the updated regulations. (Please visit the MOPH website for detailed updated travel regulations)

Qatar Travel and Return Policy

- Currently for FWCQ22, there will be no vaccination requirement for Participants and visiting Spectators (Hayya Card Holders) coming into the country. However, MOPH strongly recommends that all Participants and visiting spectators to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and influenza.
- Also, for FWCQ22, all Participants and visiting Spectators (Hayya Card Holders) (regardless of vaccination/immune status) are required to present evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken no more than 48 hours before departure time or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) result no more than 24 hours before departure time to the State of Qatar. Rapid antigen self-test is not valid for travel purposes. No post travel testing is required unless as an essential part of public health investigations of suspected cases or close contacts (refer to Appendix I for further details).
- Children younger than 6 years old are exempt from submitting a negative COVID-19 test before departure to Qatar. Children 6 years and older are required to present evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken no more than 48 hours before departure time or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) result no more than 24 hours before departure time to the State of Qatar.
- Qatari nationals and residents of Qatar will continue having a post travel Rapid Antigen test at Primary Healthcare Corporation (PHCC) centers or authorized private medical centers within 24 hours of arrival in Qatar.
- Also, for FWCQ22, all Participants and visiting spectators (Hayya Card Holders) will not require any quarantine arrangements on arrival to Qatar.
- For FWCQ22, the MOPH accepts all vaccines that have fully completed the WHO evaluation process for Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) and any other specific COVID-19 vaccine program as published by the MOPH before or at the time of the event. (Refer to MOPH website for updates on approved Vaccines)
- For those who have recovered from a COVID-19 infection, with proof of previous COVID-19 infection, recovery must be no more than 18 months prior to the date of the last match or Mass Gathering Activity that will be attended. If the recovery was more than 18 months, individuals

will be considered non-immune. A certificate of previous COVID-19 infection with a positive COVID-19 test from an authorized laboratory, healthcare facility or Clinic is considered as a proof of recovery from previous COVID-19 infection.

- Pre-entry registration before travel is not required for the Participants and visiting Spectators of the FWCQ22 who have Hayya Card.
- All Participants and visiting spectators must download and activate the Ehteraz App on their mobile devices. Ehteraz App is not mandatory for children below 18 years old.
- The app is available in Apple and Android stores:
<https://apps.apple.com/qa/app/ehteraz/id1507150431>
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.moi.covid19&hl=en&gl=US>
- When Ehteraz App color is not green it is yellow or red, the various amenities, services and activities including access to event venues can't be accessed or attended in the country. Green Ehteraz means that the individual is neither infected (red) nor in quarantine (yellow).

COVID-19 TESTING OF PARTICIPANTS OF FWCQ22

- When required, COVID-19 rapid antigen testing (RAT) for Participants will be arranged at the hotels/accommodation. Participants will remain in their own rooms until the result of the COVID-19 test is issued. For all participants, the testing is free of charge.
- Participants do not require any subsequent COVID-19 testing unless they exhibit symptoms and signs of COVID-19 infection or fulfill the definition of a close contact.
- For Participants, when RAT (or equivalent) test is positive, a confirmatory PCR test will be done.
- For the PMAs, the referees and VIP/VVIPs, the result of the PCR test will be issued within 4 hours from the time of the sample collection. For other Participants the PCR results will be issued within 8-10 hours from the time of sample collection. The Participants will be quarantined in his/her room until the issuance of the result of the PCR.
- Any inconclusive PCR tests will have to be repeated immediately. The Participant will continue to be quarantined in their room until issuance of the second PCR result.
- If any PCR tests are positive regardless of the Ct value, the Participant will be isolated for 5 days in their own rooms and discharged from isolation on day 6 without testing provided they have mild or no symptoms.. The Participant will be required to wear a mask after release from isolation for a period of 5 days. The relevant client group, for example the PMA, takes full responsibility for ensuring full compliance with isolation rules as per MOPH guidelines. All test results, and intended further actions, will be relayed to the event Chief Medical Officer, FIFA medical team and the concerned Participant, or their team doctor, immediately.
- Each PMA and members of other constituents' groups or their representatives, must sign a Consent accepting to release the results of their teams' members' COVID-19 tests to the needed stakeholders in order to fulfill their duties accordingly.
- For all Participants, when a COVID-19 PCR test is done, a nasopharyngeal swab, unless medically contraindicated for clinical reasons, (or an approved specimen collection alternative if available) will be collected for laboratory testing which is processed at a designated, authorized, laboratory in Qatar.
- The tests mentioned above are to be budgeted for and arranged by Q22/HC for their relevant Participants and workforce according to their responsibilities.
- Priority for such testing will be given to PMAs and referees to avoid teams schedule disruptions.
- An Event Result Management Expert Advisory Panel, from MOPH, Q22, Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SCDL) and FIFA, will be constituted for discussion of positive cases when needed. Although all positive results will be shared with the Panel, however, the group will be consulted for discussion and decision when inconsistency, irregularity, or uncertainty exist or when the COVID-19 result or subsequent decision is being challenged. The group will also be consulted for subsequent decision if a cluster of COVID-19 infections arise in a particular PMA

or a client group. The group is not responsible for making a decision on the return of players or other Participant to exercise or participation in activities or matches. Such a decision is solely the responsibility of the concerned PMAs or the specific concerned infected individual. For those Participants deemed to be COVID-19 positive through a PCR test, participation in the event is not allowed except after the passage of at least 5 days of isolation from the date of the test result as described previously. (See details of COVID-19 Positive cases isolation guidelines below as well).

- Refusal of COVID-19 testing, when required at any stage, will result in exclusion from participation in the event. The local authorities retain the right for such individuals to be asked to leave the Country.
- If a decision for a player or a referee post-COVID-19-infection recovery to resume participation in competition is taken, the concerned PMA, referees/player are fully responsible for such a decision. Q22, FIFA, the Host country and MOPH do not accept any liability directly or indirectly, for any complications that may occur as a result of the return of a player or a referee or a participant to sporting activities post COVID-19 infection.
- Q22, FIFA, the SCDL and the MOPH do not accept any liability or responsibility directly or indirectly, for the contraction, transmission or any complications that any Participant including, players, delegates staff, supporting personnel and spectators may develop during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 or during any preceding FWCQ22 events or activities.

TESTING OF PARTICIPANTS' CONTACTS OF POSITIVE CASES:

- When one positive case on PCR is discovered among a PMA, referees or any other specific Participants client group, RAT testing will be done daily for all of the relevant PMA, referees or the client group if they are considered to be close contacts of the positive index case for a period of 7 days if they were non immune (not fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19 within the past 18 months).
- When one positive case on PCR is discovered among a PMA, referees or any other specific Participants client group, RAT testing will be done on day 1 for all of the relevant PMA, referees or the client group if they are considered to be close contacts of the positive index case if they are fully vaccinated or immune. If negative, no further testing is required.
- When clusters of COVID-19 Infection are detected among a PMA, referees or a particular Participants' constituent group, further decisions on the continuation of the concerned in the tournament activities will be discussed and taken by the Event Result Management Expert Advisory Panel.
- Close contacts can continue outdoor training and participate in Matches or Event activities as scheduled pending the issuance of the tests. However, close contacts have to have individual private transportation to and from training and Event venues until they return a negative test result (Please see Appendix I for more detailed information on testing and results.)
- When needed, Participants will be scheduled for testing following the above guidelines without interference to their training or Matches or Event activities. COVID-19 testing schedules will be shared in advance.

PARTICIPANTS' TRANSPORTATION

- Masks are required to be worn always by all Participants, escorts and drivers during transportation.
- 100% transport seating capacity is allowed but it is always preferable to maintain a one-meter distance during seating whenever possible.
- Masks, tissue boxes, hand sanitizers and lidded waste containers are to be made available on all transportation vehicles.

MEALS AND RESTAURANTS – PARTICIPANTS

- Open buffet at Participants' hotels and other Event venues is allowed.
- A safe distance of at least one meter is recommended between 2 occupied dining seats whenever possible.

USE OF HEALTH CLUBS, GYMS AND SPAS BY PARTICIPANTS:

- Participants may use gyms and other recreational areas at the accommodation and hotels in line with public health precautions maintaining continuous sanitizations and proper hygienic practices for health clubs, gyms and spas.
- All measures must be taken so that customers not staying in the event's accommodation or hotels must not be allowed to use the same gyms, clubs or spas where the delegates and Participants are staying during the Teams' exclusive use period.
- Event organizers must ensure the availability of rubber gloves to staff and anyone handling laundry, towels, etc. Hotel staff must take the same precautions when handling laundry items.
- Generally, the use of common showers, saunas and steam rooms is not recommended at gyms and swimming pools.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS DURING THE EVENT

- All Participants are recommended to wear face masks all the time while at the activity venues.
- Whenever possible, organizing meetings are to be conducted online. If physical meetings are deemed essential, it is recommended to maintain a safe distance of one meter.
- Staff working with Participants must ensure that their teams are briefed on the protocols for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases and on infection prevention and control measures.
- Anyone due to attend the event who is feeling ill must not come to any Event site or any mass gathering activities.
- Sanitizers must be made available throughout the training and competition venues and must be used frequently.
- Participants are encouraged to use their own drinking bottles and not share with others.
- Spitting must be avoided on the field of play and at the training and accommodation venue.
- All Participants shall avoid handshaking, hugs, kissing and physical person-to-person contact in general.
- Everyone shall follow the respiratory etiquette and the recommendations for frequent hand hygiene.

It is the responsibility of Q22 and Host Country to appoint staff or volunteers to monitor the compliance of all Participants with the preventive measures mentioned throughout this document and the MOPH guideline for events organization.

WORKFORCE

- It is strongly recommended that all Event workforce are fully vaccinated or recovered, as per the Fully Vaccinated definition outlined previously.
- Workforce, volunteer leads and staff working with Participants must ensure that their teams are briefed on the protocols for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases and on infection prevention and control measures.
- Staff are advised to maintain a one-meter distance from other people during their duties as much as possible.

HOTEL STAFF AT OFFICIAL HOTELS

- Hotel staff must abide by all public health measures as published by the MOPH. Qatar National Tourism Council will be responsible to follow up with hotels on the compliance of their staff to public health measures.

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPECTATORS

- In the event of a worsening Pandemic situation in the country, dictated by a detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology, the Ministry of Public Health maintains the right to instigate preventive measures during FWCQ22 and other preceding or concurrent activities/events. Such detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology may arise from, but is not limited to, emergence of a variant of interest or a variant of concern; unexpected large increase in COVID-19 transmissibility, virulence or immune escape; change in COVID-19 clinical disease presentation; decrease in effectiveness of available public health measures, diagnostics, vaccines, or therapeutics; or new situations that pose a serious emerging risk to national or global public health.
- Spectator capacity at all FWCQ22 venues and concurrent activities shall be at 100% venue capacity.
- For other FWCQ22 preceding events and activities, Spectator capacity at all indoor and outdoor event venues shall be at 100% venue capacity.

MEALS AND RESTAURANTS – SPECTATORS

- Open buffets at Event venues are allowed when needed (Hospitality and lounges in VIP & VVIP, etc.).
- Concessions are allowed outdoors and indoors at all FWCQ22 venues
- A safe distance of at least one meter is highly recommended between 2 occupied dining seats (Hospitality and lounges at VIP & VVIP, etc.)
- Shops and food concessions inside the event buildings and at venue precincts outside the event building in the fan zones are allowed, provided strict healthcare precautionary measures are maintained and crowding is avoided as much as possible. Relevant MOPH staff will monitor compliance to precautionary measures. Such staff must be accredited to access venues.
- Spectators can eat and drink in the stands or any other places in the venues as authorized by the venue management.

REDUCING TRANSMISSION FOR VISITING SPECTATORS:

- Use of public transportation by visiting Spectators will follow the government transportation guidelines published at the time of the Event.
- On arrival to any indoor public spaces, staff to check that the Ehteraz App is downloaded and is green for all Spectators that are 18 years and above. Ehteraz App download is not mandatory for children below 18. Ehteraz app is not mandatory to access the stadium or any outdoor public spaces.
- Event organizers should have in place processes for crowd control during influx of spectators and as they leave the venues at the end of the games to avoid, as much as possible, congestions which may facilitate transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

GENERAL INFECTION, PREVENTION, AND CONTROL MEASURES:

- Hand washing and/or alcohol-based hand sanitizers must be made available at multiple locations in all the event facilities and accommodations.
- Organizers must provide disposable hand towels/tissues.
- Ensure adequate ventilation which allows for fresh air circulation.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection of regularly touched surfaces is mandatory.
- Adhere to MOPH Environmental Cleaning Guidance.
- Ensure frequent toilet cleaning and disinfection between customers.
- An isolation room, or space, must be identified to hold any symptomatic person, identified at the venue, whilst awaiting patient transport to a medical facility.
- Ensure the availability of medical post and designated personnel on site, as per host country protocol, to help assess cases and potential other illness and injuries.
- Sports equipment must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
- Education and Awareness:
Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., entrances, restrooms) that promote protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs and viruses (i.e., hand hygiene, use of face masks and keeping a safe distance from others, etc.) Signs shall include visual cues such as clear, easy-to-understand pictures demonstrating desired behaviors at the appropriate reading and literacy levels.
- Health and safety measures announcements and posts to be maximized during the event at all venues.
- Develop and make available, by all means possible and applicable, risk communication on:
 - The importance of public health preventive measures, and what they are.
 - Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette signage across all venues, changing rooms, training facilities, etc.
 - Information so that individuals can keep themselves and others safe
 - Awareness of clinical features of COVID-19 and preventive measures, especially respiratory etiquette and hand-hygiene practices.
 - The criteria for asking individuals with symptoms to leave the venue or retreat to a designated area.

VULNERABLE GROUPS:

There is an increased risk for vulnerable groups, regardless of vaccination or previous COVID-19 infection status, such as elderly people (≥ 65 years old), those with chronic illnesses and children younger than 3 years old. Such groups are advised to take the necessary precautions to minimize their risk of exposure and in some cases, it is recommended to avoid areas of mass gatherings.

BIO-BUBBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PMAS, REFEREES AND OTHER OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

(Only as and when required by MOPH during certain Pandemic Phases):

- When required, a bio-bubble system refers to a situation where the PMAs, Referees and other Participants stay isolated from the general public throughout the event. This bio-bubble concept could be enforced by MOPH to allow for the safe operation and continuation of the event in the context of widespread COVID-19 infection as per the Pandemic key indicators.
- When instituted, this bio-bubble system entails a semi-quarantine accommodation arrangement and, in this document, refers to an exclusive accommodation or specified exclusive areas within the accommodation, for all the Participants including PMAs, referees, certain Q22 staff and certain Event staff. The system requires single occupancy rooms for all Participants, dedicated bio-bubble transportation, training and participation in the scheduled Matches or Event activities without mixing with non-bubble individuals during the entire, or part of the Event. When mixing with other non-Bio-bubble individuals is inevitable, those outside the bio-bubble system will need to be in a minimum PPE (overall, aprons, gloves and masks).
- During their time off from Matches or Event activities, practices, training, meetings, and Event activities the Participants can enjoy amenities, while following prescribed safety regulations and practicing social distancing, on the premises of their temporary residence. When in the bio-bubble, Participants are only allowed to leave their accommodation to participate in event preparations at the relevant venues, such as individual or group training at training sites and to participate at the actual official event as per the official schedule. They might also be permitted to go to designated places for recreation or relaxation off the premises, but within a "mobile" bio-bubble arrangement agreed to by the event Chief Medical Officer and in line with MOPH regulations. This would be coordinated through MOC Team and Teams Services.
- All referrals to, and consultations at officially designated Event hospitals and medical facilities, are allowed without restrictions. Other referrals or engagements outside the designated Event hospitals and medical facilities require prior approval from the event Chief Medical Officer in coordination with the FIFA Medical Director and to be coordinated by Teams Services.
- During the bio-bubble System, external visitors are strictly prohibited to visit the Participants in their exclusive areas.
- Take-away food (food delivered), groceries and other shopping items are allowed at bio-bubble hotels if they are delivered according to shopping and food delivery safety measures set by local authorities.
- All those who are suspected to have COVID-19 at the Event will be quarantined, initially in their own rooms individually, reported to the Public Health authority at MOPH for track and trace and, and if the infection is confirmed by positive PCR, will then be transferred to isolation as explained earlier.
- Participants in the bio-bubble system may be required to undertake an initial COVID-19 testing upon check in.

MANAGEMENT OF BREACH AND VIOLATION OF THE BIO-BUBBLE SYSTEM (WHEN APPLICABLE):

All PMAs' representatives (one per PMA) or each individual for non-PMA clients' groups, are required to sign a declaration of commitment and compliance to the event specific protocol outlined here within. As per Q22's FWCQ22 policies and procedures, the following will apply to any breach and violation of the protocol:

- The Venue Commander and/or the Team Base Camp Coordinator shall report immediately anyone who tries to violate or breach the bio-bubble arrangement when applicable (the "Violator"). At the same time, he/she will inform MOC Team.
- MOC Team will inform the relevant FIFA personnel.
- When a bio-bubble arrangement is in place, temporary accommodation is to be arranged for the Violator and further action is to be considered by Q22 and local authorities. If the Violator is COVID-19 positive, he/she will be transferred to isolation
- Breaching the bubble arrangement may result in an immediate dismissal of the Violator from the Event and removal from Event hotel and accommodation. Q22 and local authorities may take any other decision and impose any other measures on the Violator they deem necessary after discussion with FIFA.
- The MOPH will be responsible for the investigation related to the consequences of breaching the bio-bubble as deemed necessary for example case investigation, contact tracing...etc.

FURTHER GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION AND REPORTING:

All issues, questions, clarifications or concerns can be communicated directly to the event Chief Medical Officer.

APPENDIX I: MANAGEMENT OF SUSPECTED, CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES AND CLOSE CONTACTS AMONG PARTICIPANTS, AND SPECTATORS AND VISITORS

Introduction:

Please note that the evidence suggests that contacts of positive COVID-19 cases on the field are considered low risk contacts. Furthermore, if a person is taking COVID-19 preventive precautions (wearing a face mask and keeping a safe physical distance, etc.) when in contact with others outside of the field, they will be considered a low-risk contact.

COVID-19 Suspected Case:

A person who meets the clinical AND epidemiological criteria:

1. Clinical Criteria:

In the absence of a more likely diagnosis:

Acute onset or worsening of at least two of the following symptoms or signs:

- Fever (measured or subjective)
- Chills
- Rigors
- Myalgia (muscle aches and pains)
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose, OR

Acute onset or worsening of any one of the following symptoms or signs:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Olfactory disorder (sense of smell)
- Taste disorder
- Confusion or change in mental status
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone
- Inability to wake-up or stay awake, OR

Severe respiratory illness with at least one of the following:

- Clinical or radiographic evidence of pneumonia,
- Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).

2. Epidemiological Criteria:

One or more of the following exposures in the prior 14 days:

- Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease; OR
- Member of an exposed risk cohort as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak or during high community transmission.

3. Laboratory Criteria:

Confirmatory laboratory evidence:

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 ribonucleic acid (COVID-19) in clinical specimen using a diagnostic molecular amplification test performed

Presumptive evidence:

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 specific antigen in clinical specimen (RAPID COVID-19 Test).

Supportive laboratory evidence:

- Detection of antibody test in serum, plasma, or whole blood OR
- Rapid antibody test in absence of previous natural infection with SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 Vaccination.

4. Case Classification:

Suspect:

- When meets supportive laboratory evidence with no prior history of being a confirmed or probable case.

Probable

- When meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage with no confirmatory or presumptive laboratory evidence for SARS-CoV-2, OR
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence

Confirmed

- When meets confirmatory laboratory evidence.

COVID -19 PROBABLE CASE:

- A patient who meets the clinical criteria above AND is a contact of a probable or confirmed case or linked to a COVID-19 cluster.
- A suspected case with chest imaging showing findings suggestive of COVID-19 disease.
- A person with recent onset of loss of smell or loss of taste in the absence of any other identified cause.

COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASE:

- A person with a positive COVID-19 PCR test.
- A person with a positive COVID-19 rapid antigen test, and meeting either the probable case definition or meet clinical criteria (as mentioned above).
- An asymptomatic person with a positive COVID-19 rapid antigen test, who is a contact of a probable or confirmed case.

DEFINITION – COVID-19 CONTACT:

- On 6 July 2022, the WHO released Contact tracing and quarantine in the context of COVID-19" document that defines close contact as follows:
A SARS-CoV-2 contact is a person who has had any one of the following exposures to a probable or a confirmed case of SARS-CoV-2 infection:
 1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for at least 15 minutes, or
 2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case, or
 3. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without the use of recommended personal protective equipment (PPE)23 or,
 4. Other situations as determined by local health authorities based on local risk assessments.
- Exposure to a symptomatic case: 2 days before and 10 days after symptom onset of the case, plus 3 days without symptoms or 3 days with improving symptoms, for a minimum period of 13 days after symptoms onset.
- Exposure to an asymptomatic case: 2 days before and 10 days after the date on which the sample that led to confirmation was taken.

MANAGEMENT OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF AN INFECTED COVID-19 PATIENT:

- Please refer to testing close contacts among participants in Testing of Participants' Contacts of Positive cases'
- Contacts who meet the above definition will be swabbed for COVID-19 as soon as possible within 2 hours and will need to be quarantined until issuance of the test result. Frequency of testing is as highlighted previously. Quarantining in the hotel/accommodation is allowed so long as the room is single occupancy or a selected quarantine room.
- Whether they are Participants or visiting spectators, if the result is negative and they are fully vaccinated (as per previous definitions) or previously infected with COVID-19 within 18 months, then they don't need to be quarantined and can continue their daily activities normally as described previously.
- For visiting spectators, if the result is positive, they will self-isolate for 5 days and wear either N-95 mask, or KN95 mask and if not available, then double masking with a surgical mask for the remaining 5 days when out of isolation, provided they have mild or no symptoms.
- For Participants and visiting spectators, if the result is positive, they will self-isolate for 5 days and wear either N-95 mask, or KN95 mask and if not available, then double masking with a surgical mask for the remaining 5 days when out of isolation, provided they have mild or no symptoms.
- All unvaccinated close contacts among participants will not be quarantined. However, they will perform RAT daily for a period of 7 days. They can continue participating in training and matches if their tests remain negative on repeated RAT COVID-19 testing.
- Further testing of close contacts may be required at the MOPH Public Health discretion until the end of participation in the Event. However, participation in the Event will not be interrupted due to testing procedures.

- All close contacts shall be closely monitored for any COVID-19 symptoms and will be offered medical care if they develop any symptoms.

Furthermore, the close contacts are requested to adhere to the following additional “close contact regulations”:

- Close contacts are not allowed to use public or common areas including indoor common fitness areas, gyms, swimming pools, dining areas, etc.
- Transportation for close contacts, to training or to participate in a match, shall be in a private vehicle (one passenger per vehicle) and not with the rest of the Team or Delegation.
- Close contacts must maintain frequent hand hygiene practices.
- Close contacts must always wear a mask as described earlier (except during Matches and training).
- Players who are close contacts can participate in the group training and Matches or Event activities with the following precautions:
 - Avoidance of physical contact as much as possible.
 - Not sharing changing rooms and showers/toilets with the rest of the Team members.
 - Use of designated transportation which is not the same as the rest of the Team
 - Training equipment, towels, and other individual items must not be shared.

MANAGEMENT OF SUSPECTED, PROBABLE OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES:

- Isolation is required for players, team members, referees or any staff involved in the sport Event who are Suspected, Probable or Confirmed to have a COVID-19 infection, who are asymptomatic or with mild symptoms after having received consultation from a healthcare professional.
- Suspected, Probable or Confirmed COVID-19 infected persons must be placed immediately in isolation (for those with no or mild symptoms), following a well-defined pathway as per MOPH guidelines.
- If home isolation is chosen for local workforce or Participants, then the residential setting needs to be suitable for home isolation, as advised on the MOPH website.
- The decision to isolate a Participant occurs after a suspected case is identified and must follow a process where Event organizers and public health authorities are immediately notified.
- Rooms and areas occupied or visited by a confirmed case must be cleaned and disinfected as per the MOPH guidelines.
- Well trained staff must be dedicated for housekeeping activities, cleaning and disinfection, room services and any other service that must be provided in the designated isolation areas.
- Event organizers must ensure strict movement control and provide 24/7 security for Participants who are suspected of or confirmed to have COVID-19.
- The following instructions must be followed by those players and any staff placed under isolation:
 1. Isolated in their own hotel room, as described earlier, except to get medical care. Do not go to public areas. Do not use public transportation.
 2. Separate yourself from other people. You must stay in a well-ventilated room. Limit unnecessary movement outside the room and in case needed, use a face mask when people come close to you e.g., a caring family member.
 3. If you cannot wear a surgical mask, the people who are close to you must wear one.
 4. Follow respiratory etiquette. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or with the flexed elbow. Throw away used tissues in a closed bin and immediately wash your hands with soap and water or disinfect with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 5. Clean your hands: Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 40 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 70% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry for at least 20 seconds. Soap and water must be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.
 6. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
 7. Avoid sharing household items: You must not share your used dishes, drinking glasses, cups,

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- eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with other people. It is recommended to use disposable items as much as possible.
 - 8. Monitor your symptoms: Seek prompt medical attention if you develop any symptoms such as fever, cough, and sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
 - 9. Do not invite or allow visitors and try to speak to people over the phone rather than in person.

ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS IN ISOLATION: TO BE ARRANGED BY TEAMS SERVICES:

The following assistance shall be provided for people in isolation by the relevant stakeholder:

- Assistance with communication with family members outside the isolation.
- Provision of access to the internet, news and entertainment.
- If the person is a player, referee they will be provided with a treadmill to maintain mild to moderate exercise while in isolation. Team services to decide the entity responsible to provide the treadmill
- Psychosocial support as needed through MOPH

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AT QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION FACILITIES:

- Provision of single rooms.
- Rooms shall be well ventilated, with a self-closing door.
- Provide PPE for support staff.
- A shower and toilet located inside a single room.
- Waste bins.

FOR CAREGIVERS AND ACCOMMODATION STAFF MEMBERS:

If those who are Suspected, Probable or Confirmed to be infected with COVID-19 have been placed under temporary isolation or quarantine in the Participant's hotel/accommodation, the following shall be ensured:

- Limit the number of caregivers of the person Suspected, Probable or Confirmed to be infected with COVID-19. Ideally assign one person who is in good health without any personal risk conditions.
- Prevent visitors.
- Remind the individual to wear a surgical mask in the presence of others. If the mask gets wet or dirty with secretions, it shall be changed immediately, and hand hygiene must be performed after discarding the mask.
- Keep elderly people and those who have compromised immune systems or specific health conditions away from the ill person. This includes people with chronic heart, lung or kidney diseases and diabetes.
- Avoid direct contact with the individual's body fluids and wear a surgical mask, gown and gloves when handling individual's blood, body fluids and/or secretions
- Throw away surgical masks, gowns, and gloves after using them and do not reuse.
- Wash hands immediately after removing medical mask, gown, and gloves.
- Avoid other types of possible exposure with the infected person or contaminated items in their immediate environment (e.g., avoid sharing toothbrushes, cigarettes, eating utensils, dishes, drinks, towels, washcloths or bed linen).
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available, and if hands are not visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as bedside tables, bedframes, and all bedroom furniture daily. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, body fluids and/or secretions on them with regular household disinfectant containing a diluted bleach solution (1-part bleach to 99 parts water).

- Clean and disinfect bathroom and toilet surfaces at least once daily with regular household disinfectant containing a diluted bleach solution (1-part bleach to 99 parts water).
- Place contaminated linen into a laundry bag. Do not shake soiled laundry and avoid direct contact of skin and clothes with the contaminated materials. Clean clothes, bedclothes, bath and hand towels, etc. using regular laundry soap and water or machine wash at 60–90 °C with common household detergent, and then dry thoroughly.
- Use disposable gloves and protective clothing (e.g., plastic aprons) when cleaning or handling surfaces, clothing or linen that are soiled with body fluids. Perform hand hygiene before and after removing gloves.
- Place all used gloves, gowns, medical masks, and other contaminated items in a lined container before disposing them with other household waste. Wash your hands immediately after handling these items.

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APPENDIX II: COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR FIFA WC2022 (SUMMARY)

	Current Recommendations
Travel Policy	Participants/Spectators/Visitors coming from all countries of departure will be treated in the same way with respect to testing and quarantine.
Vaccination	No vaccination requirement for participants, spectators and other visitors. However, MOPH strongly recommends vaccination against COVID-19 and influenza.
Quarantine	No quarantine requirement on arrival to Qatar for participants, spectators and visitors
Testing	<p>Participants/Spectators/Visitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit evidence of a negative pre-travel PCR lab result or RAT obtained no more than 48 or 24 hours respectively before the time of departure from the country of origin regardless of vaccination/immune status. • No post-travel tests except as an essential part of public health investigations of suspected cases or close contacts (refer to Appendix I for further details).
Masking	Outdoor and indoor public spaces: No masking required. Masking is required on public transport and at healthcare facilities.
EHTERAZ	Check Green Ehteraz when accessing closed public spaces. Not required when accessing a stadium and outdoor public spaces.
Safe Physical Distance	Recommended however not required.
Other Public Health Measures	All public health measures and IPC practices included in this protocol will continue to be implemented during the tournament to stop the transmission of COVID-19.

APPENDIX III: TESTING AND ISOLATION/QUARANTINE REQUIREMENT

	Participants	Spectators and Visitors
Positive COVID		
Testing	the diagnostic test at day 0 only	the diagnostic test at day 0 only
Isolation	Self-isolate for 5 days	Self-isolate for 5 days
N-95 Masks or KN95 mask and if not available, then double masking with a surgical mask	Wear mask for 5 days after release from isolation	Wear mask for 5 days after release from isolation
Immune Close Contact		
Testing	Day 1	Day 1
Quarantine	No quarantine if negative	No quarantine if negative
Non-immune Close Contact		
Testing	Daily for a period of 7 days	Day 1
Quarantine	No quarantine if negative	No quarantine if negative
N-95 Masks or KN95 mask and if not available, then double masking with a surgical mask		Wear mask for 10 days

APPENDIX IV: LIST OF AUTHORIZED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FOR COVID-19

- An updated list of the healthcare facilities that perform COVID-19 testing can be found in the following link on MOPH website:

[Accredited COVID-19 Testing Healthcare Facilities](#)



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