

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT THE 64th GENERAL CONFERENCE IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 RELATED MEASURES

The following provides delegations with additional information and guidance on procedures and precautionary measures that will be in place during the 64th General Conference (GC) and related meetings at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), in light of the COVID-19-related measures and restrictions.

COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

Measures to Manage the Flow of Participants at the VIC premises

- Arrangements for advance collection of VIC badges at Gate 1, and floating badges at the Office of Protocol, are described on the GC webpage and the Advance Information document for Delegations to avoid long queues and crowding during badge collection times;
- All delegates must wear face masks or other nose-mouth covering when passing through security checkpoints (e.g. Gate 1) and approaching a security officer, and when collecting badges;
- Floor stickers will mark minimum distances to be kept by participants in various areas and corridors of the VIC (e.g. registration desk, cafeteria and coffee corners);
- A maximum of 4 persons is allowed at the same time inside an elevator. All persons must wear a face mask or other nose-mouth covering while in an elevator;
- Gathering points will be reduced to the bare minimum (e.g. no exhibitions, information desks to be replaced by additional information on screens, on the GC64 website and on the IAEA Conferences and Meetings Mobile Application);
- Avoid meeting in groups between sessions (e.g. coffee breaks);
- Access to the cafeteria will be regulated (see specific [guidelines](#) for the use of the VIC catering facilities);
- No receptions and social events will be held at the VIC premises during the GC;
- At any given time, a maximum of only two delegates per Member State can be physically present at any of the GC meetings (Plenary and Committee of the Whole meetings). Access to the meetings will be granted only to those delegates in possession of a "floating badge". UN Specialized Agencies, IGOs and NGOs may be represented by one delegate each;
- Participation in the Scientific Forum will be limited to one delegate per Member State, UN Specialized Agencies, IGOs and NGOs as per the registrations received for the Scientific Forum;
- All side events are to be held virtually; and
- There will be no exhibitions or organized visits.

Specific Hygiene Measures

- Participants will be reminded of general healthcare precautions such as regular washing and/or sanitizing of hands, coughing/sneezing etiquette, etc. (e.g. via posters in entrances, meeting rooms, hallways, washrooms, on the IAEA conferences and meetings mobile application, and website);
- Participants should carefully read the separate [meeting guidelines for participants issued by the VIC Medical Service](#);

- Fixed seating arrangements in all meeting rooms in line with the minimum distance of 1 meter between seats. Changing of designated seats is to be avoided;
- Participants must wear a face mask or other nose-mouth covering whenever they enter, walk around inside a meeting room and leave their designated seat;
- The plenary hall as well as other meeting rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized during breaks in between sessions and meetings;
- Delegation offices and meeting rooms will be regularly cleaned and sanitized as per their planned meeting schedule;
- If the distance to the next occupied seat is less than one meter, a face mask or other nose-mouth covering must also be worn by relevant participants on the assigned seats;
- Hand sanitizers have been installed in restrooms and corridors of the VIC;
- Plexiglass has been installed at various counters (e.g. coffee corners and registration desk); and
- Printed documents and other materials will be avoided, and information will be shared electronically (e.g. via the GC website and the IAEA Conferences and Meetings Mobile Application).

Attendance Record System Measures

- Designated IAEA staff will keep attendance records with assigned seating arrangements for all sessions of the Plenary, the Committee of the Whole (CoW), the General Committee and the Scientific Forum;
- Attendance and seating records will be kept for 28 days;
- Delegations which reserved a delegation office and organize meetings are requested to designate a COVID-contact person and provide the Division of Conference and Documents Services (MTCD) with a preliminary and final list of attendees inside meeting rooms (see [guidelines for delegation offices and meeting rooms](#)); and
- Names and contact details of COVID-contact persons will be provided by MTCD to UN Security (UNSSS) for all meetings.

Procedures in Case of COVID-19 Infections or Symptoms

- In case of signs and symptoms of respiratory illness, participants shall contact the organizers (MTCD) (by phone: +1 2600 27 227 or +1 2600 27 000) or directly Medical Services (+1 2600 22224) or call Security Emergency Operations Centre on 99;
- The VIC Medical Service has been requested to arrange for medical coverage as long as there are GC related meetings in progress during the GC week;
- The VIC Medical Service clinic (located in the F tower, 7th floor) has the appropriate protective equipment, procedures and training to manage ill participants and suspected COVID-19 cases;
- The VIC Medical Service clinic has advised on the necessary procedures for cleaning meeting rooms; and
- In case of the need to track a participant with a COVID-19 infection during or after the GC, attendance record sheets will be kept for 28 days in order to track potential exposures to the virus.

Procedures regarding the Use of Restrooms

- Hand sanitizers have been installed in restrooms of the VIC;
- Information on key prevention measures are displayed on the walls of restrooms;

- A face mask or other nose-mouth covering must be worn whenever physical distance of at least one meter cannot be maintained; and
- Enhanced cleaning protocols are maintained to regularly sanitize frequently touched surfaces (e.g. door handles and flush buttons).

Procedures regarding the Administration of Food and Beverages

- See [guidelines for the use of the VIC catering facilities](#) at the 64th General Conference in light of the COVID-19-related measures.

Additional Information

Before entering VIC premises for the General Conference

Participants should:

- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of respiratory illness;
- Ensure to have health insurance for Austria; and
- Ensure that you have a face mask or shield that covers your mouth and nose. Face masks will not be provided at the General Conference. A face mask or nose-mouth covering will be required, including when accessing the VIC premises, inside elevators, cafeteria, walking around inside a meeting room when leaving a designated seat and whenever physical distance of at least one meter cannot be maintained.

During the General Conference

Participants should:

- Strictly refrain from attending the GC64 in case of signs and symptoms of respiratory illness and seek advice from the organizers (MTCD) by phone (+1 2600 27 227 or +1 2600 27 000) or contact Medical Services (+1 2600 22224) or the Security Emergency Operations Centre on (99) directly in case of signs and symptoms of respiratory illness; and/or
- Call the Vienna Health telephone hotline on 1450 (German and English) from any landline or mobile phone in case of signs and symptoms of respiratory illness outside of the VIC and GC meetings.
- Undertake regular preventive measures such as wearing face masks/nose-mouth covering as required, cough/sneezing etiquette and regular handwashing; and
- Not shake hands with other participants and keep social distance of at least 1 meter whenever talking to other delegates while standing or sitting.

After the General Conference

- Inform the organizers (MTCD) by phone (+1 2600 21303) immediately if you are confirmed by health authorities to have COVID-19, or if you are placed in quarantine within 14 days of the meeting, so that necessary contact tracing in association with a COVID-19 case may be carried out.