

2021-22 Euroleague Basketball Health & Safety Protocols v1.4



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obligatory, Players and Head Coaches no longer required to enter/exit press conference separately(14), No regular testing is required for competitions purposes, (15) Requirements and restrictions concerning team hotels are no longer necessary (20), no regular testing required for referees (21), Requirements & restrictions for Int'l Production Co. lifted, Masks not obligatory for on-court personnel, Masks not obligatory for Tv Camera Crew (22),

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Basic Principles

These protocols set out minimum standards for clubs and referees when devising a plan for practices and official Euroleague Basketball games. Clubs are strongly recommended to apply the same minimum standards in friendly games and Domestic League games. The protocols are based on experience as well as protocols from competition organiser across different countries in Europe and the rest of the world, as well as health initiatives undertaken by national governments.

In general, the basic principles are to as much as possible:

- Maximise the health & safety of players, coaches, referees and their immediate families
- Maximise the health & safety of club staff, arena staff, media, IFPC staff, Euroleague Basketball personnel, spectators
- Minimise the risk of the spread of the virus by applying responsible and professional healthcare procedures in all aspects

The aim can never be to guarantee 100% the health & safety of all individuals since this is impossible under any and every scenario. The goal is to provide a medically justifiable risk based on the significance of basketball (in socio-political and economic terms) and the development of the global pandemic.

Euroleague Basketball will ensure that the protocols do not interfere with the medical assistance of the general population and that laboratories will always have enough testing capacity.

Euroleague Basketball will monitor developments and distribute additional information / update the protocols as appropriate.

Disciplinary Framework

Any unfulfillment of the present protocol may be considered as an infringement as stipulated in Chapter II Section I of the Euroleague Basketball Disciplinary Code.

Legal Framework

The conditions set by each country's government regarding the resumption of competition must be respected, with a common ground found. The local restrictions will apply in cases where the local restrictions require more strict conditions than stipulated in this document,.

Legal Disclaimer

Each organisation participating in Euroleague Basketball competitions is responsible for establishing prevention measures to guarantee the protection of its personnel's health & safety. Everyone participating in / attending Euroleague Basketball competitions is responsible for behaving in a manner that guarantees their own health & safety as well as those of all other individuals.

The protocols are intended solely and exclusively for the internal use of Euroleague Basketball, its advisors, teams, team personnel, arena personnel and applicable health and other government officials.

Working Group

Composition

The 2021-22 Euroleague Basketball Health & Safety Protocols have been driven by a working group containing the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer, EuroLeague Team Doctors and the Euroleague Basketball Health & Performance Officer. The working group has also received feedback and support from all the Team Doctors of the clubs participating in the competition, would also like to thank Dr. Florian Kainzinger, Managing Director at Think. Health Hygiene Solutions.

Hygiene Rules of Conduct

- Wash your hands often preferably with soap and water, and only if not possible using an alcohol hand sanitiser
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow, then wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Domestic Hygiene

Avoid gatherings of people as much as possible, other than those that live in the same home. Pay special attention to family members or friends living in the same home, as these have a high possibility of being a source of COVID-19 transmission. Maintain minimum 1.5m distance with anyone else always.

Ensure that the kitchen and bathroom(s) are well-ventilated. Avoid direct contact with body fluids of anyone who is or appears to be unwell.

Wash your hands with soap and warm water frequently, before and after eating, before preparing food, after using the toilet, after coughing or sneezing. Use disposable paper towels to dry hands instead of fabric towels.

Arena / Practice Facility

Facilities Description

- Working areas must be defined
- Describe spatial and temporal distribution of individuals; a precise list of all individuals required in the facility and their movements within it shall be established
- Describe circulation circuits for all individuals avoiding confluence of people
- Guarantee adequate ventilation and temperature
- Strict hygiene control: all individuals have the obligation to follow the hygiene rules of conduct, as well as notify any symptom they present and isolate themselves immediately

Arena Zoning

According to playing court proximity, there are four zones:

- Zone 0 playing court area
 - Playing court
 - Locker rooms
 - Doping control room
 - All backstage corridors between the playing court / locker rooms / doping control room
- Zone 1 inside the arena and with proximity to Zone 0
 - Press conference room
 - Mixed zone
- Zone 2 inside the arena with limited proximity to Zone 0 nor Zone 1
 - Club offices
 - Storage
 - Fixed tribunes
 - Spectator concourses
 - Courtside seats
- Zone 3 outside the arena
 - TV compound
 - Box office

In order to minimise the number of individuals that can potentially come in close contact with players, coaching staff and referees, individuals in Zone 0 and Zone 1 must be reduced to an absolute minimum. All Zone 0 individuals also have access to Zone 1 and must therefore be included in the count of Zone 0 + Zone 1 individuals.

Dynamic Personnel Planning of Gameday Staff Requirements (20:45 Tip-off Example)

Zone 0 example:

Group / Time	10:00	13:00	16:00	19:00	20:45	22:30	23:30
Players		32		32	32	32	
Coaching Staff		20		20	20	20	
Referees				3	3	3	
Unified Scorers				6	6	6	
Game Operations				8	8	8	
Club Board Members		4		4	4	4	
Doping Control				2	2	2	2
Photographers			2	2	2	2	2
Medical Services		2		2	2	2	2
Cleaning Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Security	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
IFPC	4			4	4	4	8
Zone 0 Subtotal:	8	62	6	89	89	89	20

The distribution of individuals from each group may vary from the example above.

Zone 1 example:

Group / Time	10:00	13:00	16:00	19:00	20:45	22:30	23:30
IFPC	4	20	20	20	20	20	16
Rights Holders		5	5	5	5	5	3
Media				20	20	20	20
Zone 1 Subtotal:	4	25	25	45	45	45	39
Zone 0 + Zone 1 Subtotal:	12	87	31	134	134	134	59

The number of individuals from each group may vary from the example above.

Locker Rooms

After cleaning and disinfection of the team locker room, a seal shall be placed as a security check. The person designated by each team, in front of security, will remove this seal. The same protocols apply to the referee's locker room(s) as well as the coaches' locker rooms. Only players and coaching staff included in the Team Delegation List may enter the locker room. Cleaning staff may only enter the locker rooms when they are empty of all other individuals.

Doping Control Room

The doping control area must be sufficiently large to ensure a hygienic distance of at least 1.5m between the persons present. There must be a clear spatial separation between the doping control room and the waiting room; if necessary, additional rooms must be provided here. There must be a possibility for the players and the Doping Control Officer to wash their hands. The toilet area must be accessible without violating the hygienic distance, and the required distance of at least 1.5m must be maintained except during the visual inspection. The use of face masks for

Doping Control Officers, players and team doctor(s) / team follower is optional. Doping Control Officers must follow the protocols in this document. The protocols in “The FIBA League Testing with COVID-19 Modifications 2021-2022” and following updates in the mentioned document will also be applied. Chaperons will be able to assist the DCOs.

Clothing, Footwear, Team Bench Area

Single use towels and bottles, one towel per player will be provided, which is non-transferable both in the locker rooms and on the court. Each player, coach and staff member will have their own bottle that must be identified and cannot be shared with anyone. Water, isotonic drinks, food, bottles and drinks coming from outside the facility that have not been approved by team staff may not be used. No uncontrolled food or drinks must be brought from outside the facility.

Team bench areas will have individual chairs. **Use of facemasks is optional for all individuals in the team benches.**

Repairs / Technical Incidents

Only accredited personnel (arena, IFPC, other) may access the playing court area including the scorer's table to perform a repair. If so, players and referees must move far away from the repair. Once the task is completed, cleaning staff will carry out a correct cleaning of all surfaces that have been handled.

Scorer's Table

The use of the facemask will be optional for all individuals located in the Scorer's Table after they are seated in their designated positions. Individuals must take care of the basic hygienic protocols. Sanitising hand gels should be readily available on each end of the table.

Medical Assistance

In terms of an on-court treatment in the case of an acute trauma it is recommended that the player's location on court must be considered Medical Area and adhere to a safety distance (1.5m radius) immediately. It is recommended that only one practitioner is approaching an injured player at first. All practitioners and first-aiders, when examining the player, are recommended to follow the safety procedures.

If a player or other member leave the arena, e.g. a player must be transported to hospital for an XR-MRI examination, high levels of safety equipment must be used, ensuring this is compliant with the medical safety requirements for medical personnel in that country.

Entertainment

The Euroleague Basketball Medical Services will study any proposed entertainment activities. Any entertainment activity must fully respect and protect players, coaching staff and referees, with a full proposal shared by the home club, requiring approval from Euroleague Basketball prior to its execution.

Personal Hygiene

Individuals should avoid:

- Spitting or clearing their nose
- Wiping the ball with any element of clothing or a towel
- Sharing any cups, food, towels, clothing
- Swapping shirts

Toilets

Soap and warm water must be available with hands washed after every toilet use. Toilets must be cleaned and disinfected continuously throughout the day. Physical distancing must be respected inside toilets.

Isolation Room

Establish a designated physical space for isolation in arena. Any individual who experiences symptoms will immediately contact the home club COVID-19 Manager and be taken to the Isolation Room.

General Protection Measures

- The number of people present must be limited
- Substitute personnel are necessary to be available to cover key positions as defined by the home club
- A list of all personnel specifying working hours must always be maintained

COVID-19 Manager

All clubs must appoint a COVID-19 Manager, who will be responsible for the execution of the protocols and will be the point of contact for all individuals. If the COVID-19 Manager cannot attend a home game, another member of staff must assume the function.

Team Doctor Medical Assessment Form

Prior to every game the Team Doctor will proceed to sign a form (TEAM DELEGATION LIST) where the names of all team members appear and certify they have successfully passed the medical assessment. In case a team member has shown symptoms, they will be required to receive a negative PCR or RAT result together with the medical assessment (*specifying the date*). The medical assessment will require body temperature to be below 37.5°C – clinical monitoring -- pulse oxymeter - control of personal conduct and hygiene measures – mental health control.

Photographers

Every individual is responsible for the disinfection of their material. The use of face masks is optional.

Press Conferences

The Press Conference Room will be disinfected prior to every use. All microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. Any microphones / recorders that they wish to position on the speaker's table must be handed to home club personnel who will disinfect the device before placing it on the speaker's table.

Ambulance Service

Every practice and game needs emergency personnel including an ambulance on site. First aid assistance for spectators and priority assistance for players in case of an emergency, may potentially represent a strain on public health care resources. If so, clubs must reach an agreement with their hospital(s) to ensure that professional care is provided without putting excess strain on public health care resources.

Testing

PCR / RAT Testing

Before starting PCR / RAT tests, teams must ensure that all persons to be tested have provided written consent (including transmission of results to a designated physician and / or employer, GDPR, data protection, medical confidentiality).

No regular testing is required for competitions purposes unless individuals show symptoms.

Vaccinated person

Persons will be considered vaccinated if they have received the authorized vaccinations and the required dosage officially recognized in any country/region in which the Euroleague Basketball clubs are operating in, and those approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and World Health Organization (WHO), will have the opportunity to be exempt following the guidelines stated above.

For further information, the major vaccines generally accepted in most regions for clarification are provided below. In case the pertinent vaccination certificate of an individual is not on the list below, please make sure to include the necessary official reference and documentation proving that the certificate is valid in the country/region that the club is operating in to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer.

A person is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/she:

- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 19 days and 7 days have passed (Pfizer/BioNTech)
- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 21 days and 14 days have passed (Oxford/AstraZeneca/Sputnik V/ Sinopharm)
- Has received 2 doses in a minimum of 25 days and 14 days have passed (Moderna)
- Has received 1 dose from Janssen and 14 days have passed
- Has received 1 dose from AZ and a second dose from Pfizer/Moderna and 14 days have elapsed
- Has passed the disease and received 1 dose from Pfizer/Moderna/AZ/Sputnik/Sinopharm and 14 days have passed
- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 21 days and 7 days have passed (Nuvaxovid)

Subjects who have had a PCR confirmed Covid-19 infection may also get the testing exemption. We strongly recommend all the subjects who have passed Covid-19 receive a vaccination within 6 months from the date of medical discharge. The testing exemption for individuals who have recovered from the Covid-19 infection will only be valid for 180 days from the date of the initial official positive test result.

COVID-19 Testing

A COVID-19 test will only be conducted in case a team member has fever or other symptoms on a day of travel or on a game day, and there are no options to take a PCR test, a Rapid Antigen Test shall be performed by the team doctor. If no team doctor is available, it shall be performed by a healthcare-oriented representative of the team (e.g. a physio). The team doctor is responsible for the validation of the test result(s), and all the following decisions to be taken.

In the case of a negative result, the player will follow Team Doctor's instructions according to his health status.

In the case of a positive result, the individual will be isolated and must take a compulsory PCR test after separation from the team. Following the positive RAT result, remaining team members must also take a Rapid Antigen Test immediately. The same protocol will be applied to all individuals with positive results. The situation will be reported to Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer immediately.

Approved RAT tests

Any rapid antigen test that meets the EU standards for health, safety, and environmental protection, hence has the distinctive "CE" marking can be used. In the case that the desired testing kit does not have the mentioned marking, teams will contact the Euroleague Medical Officer before using the kit for approval. Tests conducted using kits that have not been approved by the Euroleague Medical Officer will not be accepted.

Please see link for a list of approved vaccinations by the EU.

https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/default/files/preparedness_response/docs/covid-19_rat_common-list_en.pdf

Positive PCR Test Result

A crisis plan will be established to analyse and make decisions. The positive test result must be notified to the individual, to the public health authorities, by email to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer attaching the laboratory result, as well as the individual being immediately isolated, in the previously prepared room in case they are in the arena or practice facility. All areas where the patient has accessed will be disinfected.

Immediate Re-Test

Unless otherwise indicated by the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer, the entire team delegation must be re-tested immediately. An extensive log of contacts will be documented in order to selectively initiate any other measures. In case the symptoms are mild and respond well to symptomatic treatment, the PCR positive patient must stay at home. If they are asymptomatic, they will follow a physical training program at home, as prescribed by the strength & conditioning coach / physiotherapist.

In case of clinical complications and / or duration of symptoms (fever > 38°C, cough, chest pain or dyspnoea) for more than five days and / or worsening of the general state, the patient will be referred to hospital for a more detailed evaluation.

All other individuals will follow the regular detection test and work normally. A close contact is defined as being less than 1.5m from each other without wearing a face mask for 15 minutes or more. Close contacts for the past two days must be documented.

All subjects who have received a full vaccination schedule and those who have had a PCR confirmed Covid-19 infection within the previous 180 days are exempt from quarantine as close contacts. The exemption for individuals who have recovered from the Covid-19 infection will only be valid for 180 days from the date of the initial official positive test result.

False or Doubtful Positive PCR Test Result

In case a club receives a false or doubtful positive PCR test result, the individual will be retested twice on two consecutive days. If the second and third PCR test both are negative, the individual will be considered negative.

Players Return to Play Protocol

The return-to-play protocol includes a total of 7 days for the vaccinated, and 10 days for the non-vaccinated players, from the first positive test or from the last day with symptoms (the latter of the two). After a positive PCR test result, a new PCR test will be repeated for the patient 24 hours later to confirm the positive result, with the patient isolated in quarantine throughout. To fill the "Return To Play Form", all individuals will need to provide two negative PCR tests and Cardiac screening including troponin testing, electrocardiogram and an echocardiogram. The Return To Play Form will be filled once the individual has completed the minimum quarantine period and is considered to be healthy enough to come back to competition by the Medical Services of the club.

Protocol for Players with Positive PCR Test Results following Quarantine

Following the quarantine period, if the PCR test is still positive and the Cycle threshold value (Ct) is more than or equal to 35, the player will be authorised to play. However, if the individual provides two consecutive PCR tests with CT value equal to or over 30, he will be authorised to play.

The use and the availability of CT value test may be limited in some countries, please communicate any such issues to the Medical Officer immediately.

The Team Doctor must fully complete the Return to Play form once all the steps above have been executed, and email this to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer. The player will be authorised to play in EuroLeague / EuroCup games only after receiving written confirmation from the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer.

Non-Players Return to Activity Protocol

The return-to-activity protocol must follow the public health authorities' guidelines in place, remaining in quarantine as requested. In order to be able to return to activity, they must produce a negative PCR test.. The Team Doctor must complete the Return to Play form once all the steps above have been executed, and email this to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer. The individual will be authorised for EuroLeague / EuroCup games only after receiving written confirmation from the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer.

Following the quarantine period, if the PCR test is still positive and the Cycle threshold value (Ct) is more than or equal to 35, the individual will be authorised to activity. However, if the individual provides two consecutive PCR tests with CT value equal or over to 30 he/she will be authorised to return to activity. The use and the availability of CT value test may be limited in some countries, please communicate any such issues to the Medical Officer immediately.

Public Communication

Positive PCR Test Results will not be communicated publicly unless authorisation has been received from both the individual and from Euroleague Basketball.

Transportation

Individuals must wear an FFP2 face mask in all methods of transportation.

In-transit catering will be limited, and where necessary will be pre-packaged servings with single use disposable cutlery, plates / bowls, napkins and bottles / cans.

If the COVID-19 Manager is not in the Team Delegation, a member of staff who is in the Team Delegation must assume the functions of the COVID-19 Manager for the entire duration of the trip.

Gameday Transportation

Arrival and departure of teams and referees to / from the arena will be in a car / minibus / bus, with drivers using an FFP2 face mask. Buses are to be disinfected before teams enter. They must all enter a dedicated, covered entrance to the arena. Security will lead teams and referees to their respective locker room avoiding cross paths with other individuals. For departure the same process must be followed in reverse, again with no group departing the arena at the same as another group.

Referees

General Precautions

Referees must take special precautions and protective measures in the context of the current conditions in order to reduce their risk of infection. They must avoid any risky contacts in all environments, and observe hygiene rules of conduct (physical distance, FFP2 face mask, hand washing). Referees must wear an FFP2 face mask in all methods of transportation (other than their private car if they are alone) from leaving their home until they return home for all game nominations.

Vaccinated person

Persons will be considered vaccinated if they have received the authorized vaccinations and the required dosage officially recognized in any country/region in which the Euroleague Basketball clubs are operating in, and those approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and World Health Organization (WHO), will have the opportunity to be exempt following the guidelines stated above.

For further information the major vaccines generally accepted in most regions are provided below for clarification. In case the pertinent vaccination certificate of an individual is not on the list below, please make sure to include the necessary official reference and documentation proving that the certificate is valid in the country/region that the club is operating in to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer.

A person is considered to be fully vaccinated if he/she:

- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 19 days and 7 days have passed (Pfizer/BioNTech)
- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 21 days and 14 days have passed (Oxford/AstraZeneca/Sputnik V/ Sinopharm)
- Has received 2 doses in a minimum of 25 days and 14 days have passed (Moderna)
- Has received 1 dose from Janssen and 14 days have passed
- Has received 1 dose from AZ and a second dose from Pfizer/Moderna and 14 days have elapsed
- Has passed the disease and received 1 dose from Pfizer/Moderna/AZ/Sputnik/Sinopharm and 14 days have passed
- Has received 2 doses within a minimum of 21 days and 7 days have passed (Nuvaxovid)

Persons who have had a PCR confirmed Covid-19 infection may also get the testing exemption. We strongly recommend all persons who have passed Covid-19 receive a vaccination within 6 months from the date of medical discharge. The exemption for individuals who have recovered from the Covid-19 infection will only be valid for 180 days from the date of the initial official positive test result.

All referees (including those with exemptions) should pass a PCR/RAT test at least 2 times every month. If they have not been tested for reasons of travel, they should receive a PCR or RAT test always on a GD-3.

COVID-19 Testing

In case a referee has fever or other symptoms on a day of travel or on a game day, and there are no options to take a PCR test, a Rapid Antigen Test shall be performed by a doctor. If no doctor is available, it shall be performed by a healthcare-oriented representative (e.g. a nurse/physio).

In the case of a negative result, the referee will follow Doctor's instructions according to his health status.

In the case of a positive result, the individual will be isolated and must take a compulsory PCR test. The situation will be reported to Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer immediately.

Approved RAT tests

Any rapid antigen test that meets the EU standards for health, safety, and environmental protection, hence has the distinctive "CE" marking can be used. In the case that the desired testing kit does not have the mentioned marking, teams will contact the Euroleague Medical Officer before using the kit for approval. Tests conducted using kits that have not been approved by the Euroleague Medical Officer will not be accepted.

Please see link for a list of approved rapid antigen tests by the EU.
https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/default/files/preparedness_response/docs/covid-19_rat_common-list_en.pdf

Return to Play Protocol

The return-to-play protocol includes a total of 7 days for the vaccinated, and 10 days for the non-vaccinated referees, from the first positive test or from the last day with symptoms (the latter of the two). A PCR test will be repeated a minimum of 5 days after the first positive. Cardiac screening including troponin testing, electrocardiogram and an echocardiogram may be performed 5 or 6 days after the first positive. A referee must produce two negative PCR tests and a positive antibody test before being cleared to return.

Following the quarantine period, if the PCR test is still positive and the Cycle threshold value (Ct) is more than or equal to 35, the referee will be authorised to play. However, if the individual provides two consecutive PCR tests with CT value equal to or over 30, he/she will be authorised to return.

The use and the availability of CT value test may be limited in some countries, please communicate any such issues to the Medical Officer immediately.

An approved Doctor must fully complete the Return to Play form once all the steps above have been executed, and the Referee must email this to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer. The player will be authorised to officiate EuroLeague / EuroCup games only after receiving written confirmation from the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer.

International Feed Production Company

International Feed Production Company (IFPC) personnel must avoid any risky contacts in all environments, and observe hygiene rules of conduct (physical distance, face mask, hand washing). They will always wear a face mask in all methods of transportation (other than their private car if they are alone) from leaving their home until they return home for all gamedays, with an FFP2 face mask strongly recommended.

On-Court Personnel

Every individual is responsible for the disinfection of his / her material. They must wear an FFP2 face mask anytime they are inside the arena, once in their working position the use of face mask is optional. They must stay by their equipment only when strictly necessary, otherwise they must be away from the playing court / seating bowl altogether. Camera and microphone operators may not move from their fixed position during the game. Camera and microphone operators may approach the team bench areas.

The camera crew with a TV camera is allowed to cover the following events :

- The team presentations and starting fives ceremony,
- The beginning and end of quarters, as well as the celebrations at the end of game
- The time outs / quarter breaks / half-time approaching a TV camera and audio microphone boom operator in the team huddle
- Half time interviews on court

Flash Interviews / Mixed Zone

No one will stand closer than 1.5m from any player or head coach at any time. All equipment such as microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. Only 2m boom microphones will be permitted.

Locker Room Access

There will be no locker room access for the IFPC.

Media

Media personnel must avoid any risky contacts in all environments, and observe hygiene rules of conduct (physical distance, face mask, hand washing). They are advised to wear a face mask in all methods of transportation (other than their private car if they are alone) from leaving their home until they return home for all gamedays, with an FFP2 face mask strongly recommended.

Media personnel must be accredited by the home club, with full contact details provided.

Media In-Arena Seating Area

The use of face mask is optional for media personnel.

Rights Holders Commentary Positions

Rights holder personnel are recommended to be sat more than 1.5m from each other. The use of the face mask is optional.

Equipment

Every individual is responsible for the disinfection of his / her material. Media are prohibited from recording any audio prior, during or after games, except for previously authorised flash interviews, mixed zone interviews, press conferences. Accredited radio personnel are exempt from this prohibition when recording audio as part of their professional obligations.

Flash Interviews / Mixed Zone

No one will stand closer than 1.5m from any player or head coach when at any time. All equipment such as microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. Only 2m boom microphones will be permitted - handheld or other microphones are prohibited.

Practices

Authorised media access during practices will follow the same protocols as for Flash Interviews / Mixed Zone.

Press Conferences

The Press Conference Room will be disinfected prior to every use. All microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. The media will never be closer than 1.5m from the speaker's table. Any microphones / recorders that they wish to position on the speaker's table must be handed to home club personnel who will disinfect the device before placing it on the speaker's table.

Locker Room Access

There will be no locker room access for any media.

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- Guía de Reincorporación a la Práctica Deportiva en el Deporte de Competición (Spain)
- Indicazioni per la RIPRESA degli allenamenti delle squadre di calcio professionistiche e degli arbitri (Italy)
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- International Swimming League Prevention and Intervention Protocol
- K League Guidelines for COVID-19 (Republic of Korea)
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