



## **COVID-19 SPECIAL SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL**

As the COVID-19 Global Pandemic status changes with the Omicron variant, we are cautiously optimistic and prepared to manage our onsite event through different layers of security keeping in mind the health and safety of our attendees.

We will provide a safe, productive, and welcoming environment and we kindly ask attendees, speakers, sponsors, and staff to respect our code of conduct, and all polices in effect for a safe event.

### **➤ BEFORE Leaving Home**

Follow relevant guidance provided by your local health authority regarding travelling from a country to another, exposure, testing, and quarantine related to COVID-19.

### **COVID-19 Information for Travellers**

<https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto>

The Italian Government periodically updates these restrictions based upon changing conditions, and all travellers should refer to current Italian health decrees when making travel plans.

Stay home if you feel unwell.

Stay home if you are knowingly exposed to COVID-19, develop symptoms of COVID-19, or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the event.

### **BE AWARE!**

### **Vaccination Requirement**

From 10 January 2022 conferences and events in Italy can only be attended by vaccinated or recovered persons (= need of Super Green Pass).

No need for a mandatory swab for travellers from countries of the European Union ([List C](#)).

All participants attending in-person IAPCO ROMA 2022 will be required to be fully vaccinated with one of the four vaccines approved by the European Medicines Agency recognised as valid in Italy:

- Comirnaty Pfizer-BioNTech by BioNTech Manufacturing GmbH
- Spikevax, formerly Moderna by Moderna Biotech Spain, SL
- Vaxzvria, formerly AstraZeneca by AstraZeneca Ab
- Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) by Janssen – Cilag International NV

You are considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after your second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer, Moderna, Astrazeneca) or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine).

We strongly encourage all attendees who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 Booster in addition to being fully vaccinated to receive it prior to attending the event.

Vaccination certificates in Italy hold a validity of 6 months only, as of February 1, 2022. With Decree-Law of February 4, 2022 n. 5 **any person coming to Italy from abroad, whose vaccination or recovery certificate is older than 6 months, may show a proof of a negative test result, either molecular valid for 72 hours or antigenic valid for 48 hours.** Such exception applies as well to those who have received a vaccination with a vaccine not authorised by EMA or not recognized as equivalent in Italy.

For further details please check: [https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index\\_en.html](https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index_en.html)

### **Testing Requirement**

All participants attending in-person IAPCO ROMA 2022 will be strongly recommended a COVID testing as follows:

Negative PCR test within 72 hours prior to arrival  
or  
Negative antigen test within 24 hours prior to arrival

### **➤ ONSITE During the Event**

To ensure the safety of all the attendants, a COVID Manager has been appointed to supervise the IAPCO Roma 2022 ad hoc protocol during the meeting and the social programme: Mrs Antonella Ferraro. Please refer to her for any assistance ([a.ferraro@aimgroup.eu](mailto:a.ferraro@aimgroup.eu); +39 340 6286414)

Each event day we will check the Super Green Pass/Vaccination Certificate and provide a colour paper bracelet valid for the entire day as proof that the Green Pass has been checked

### BASIC SAFETY RULES FOR ALL SMALL BUT IMPORTANT STEPS TO AVOID SPREADING THE VIRUS



OK

Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based solutions



NO

Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth



NO

Sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not into your hands



OK

Cough into a tissue or your elbow, not into your hands



OK

Clean surfaces with chlorine or alcohol-based disinfectants



OK

Wear masks correctly

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. **Hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the Venue.**
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Touched objects and surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently



All participants will be required to wear FFP2/KN95/N95 mask during the event. Cloth masks will not be accepted.

Individuals who have a documented disability which precludes the wearing of a mask may request a modification to mask policies.

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Masks must be always worn, indoor and outdoor, except while actively eating/drinking in any venue included in IAPCO programme (both on-site and off-site venues).

Masks must cover both the mouth and nose.



We will provide physically distant seating and event space set-up to allow individuals who wish to physically distance while in sessions to do so comfortably.

As to the Rome Cavalieri policy: <https://romecavalieri.com/contact-general-information/>

Distant seating will also be provided during meals in all venues and in any provided transfers.

***As congress organizers, we will strictly follow Federcongressi safety procedures and Italian Government Guidelines***

***Everyone who will work for the meeting will be vaccinated:  
staff and service providers teams are all aware of ensuring a safe environment to our  
participants***

## **TAKE CARE AND BE WELL!**

If, at any time, during the event you feel unwell, develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19, please kindly remain in your hotel room and immediately inform Mrs Antonella Ferraro ([a.ferraro@aimgroup.eu](mailto:a.ferraro@aimgroup.eu); +39 340 6286414)

### **Testing Availability**

Onsite testing stations will be available at Rome Cavalieri (Sala Voliera) during the event on

**Friday, 11 February**                      08.30-16.00

**Saturday, 12 February**                08.30-16.00

If participants wish to test onsite before they return to their countries of origin, two options will be available, at the responsibility of the individual:

*Rapid Antigen Swab Test* - 18 Euro each

*RT-PCR Molecular Swab Test* - 55 Euro each

(kindly note for molecular test, the result will be provided within the same day if test is done within 12.00, otherwise the result will be provided the following day).

### **Complimentary Self-Testing COVID-19 (Rapid Test Kit)**

A complimentary Rapid Antigen Self-Test kit will be distributed to attendees during the event.

We strongly recommend to use their first complimentary Self-Test once they arrive in their hotel room. The test is easy to use, it requires only a shallow nasal swab and takes 15 minutes to be done.

### **➤ AFTER the Event**

Based on current contact tracing advice, if you know that you have been exposed to COVID-19 at the event or develop symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive up to 14 days after returning home, please immediately contact Mrs Antonella Ferraro.

**Thank you for your co-operation and enjoy your stay in Rome!**

For any updates please constantly check [www.iapco2022.com](http://www.iapco2022.com)

For further information/clarification, please contact Mrs Antonella Ferraro  
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