

# 2020-21 Euroleague Basketball Health & Safety Protocols



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# Basic Principles

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These protocols set out minimum standards for clubs 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 and within the possibilities:

- 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.

## 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

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## Composition

The 2020-21 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 would also like to thank Dr. Florian Kainzinger, Managing Director at Think.Health Hygiene Solutions for his counselling and support throughout.

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# Hygiene Rules of Conduct

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- Wash your hands often preferably with soap and water, and only if not possible using an alcohol hand sanitiser
- Keep your fingernails trimmed
- 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
- Mobile phones and wallets must be kept in bags when not in use
- Keep at least 1.5m away from each other
- Inside team facilities it is always obligatory to wear an FFP2 face mask, aside from the exceptions listed in these protocols. The FFP2 face mask must always cover the nose and mouth
- Whenever possible, keep doors open (except for toilets) and avoid touching door handles

All individuals must know the hygiene rules of conduct.

## Domestic Hygiene

Avoid gatherings of people as much as possible, other than those that live in the same house / flat. Maintain minimum 1.5m distance with anyone else always. Do not use public transportation.

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. At least once per day clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often. Use detergent and hot water to wash dishes, cutlery, laundry, bed clothing, towels.

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.

## Domestic Hygiene in Case of Home Isolation / Quarantine

Follow the guidelines in place by the regional / national health authorities. These should include a prohibition of visitors; what interactions are allowed with family members in the same home; FFP2 face mask usage; criteria for when the home isolation / quarantine ends.

# Arena / Practice Facility

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## 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 without any proximity to Zone 0
  - Club offices
  - Storage
  - Fixed tribunes
  - Spectator concourses
- 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
<b>Zone 0 Subtotal:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>20</b>

Zone 0 must have a maximum of 100 individuals present at any given time. The distribution of individuals from each group may vary from the example above, if the maximum of 100 individuals is always respected.

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
<b>Zone 1 Subtotal:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Zone 0 + Zone 1 Subtotal:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>59</b>

Zone 1 must have a maximum of 135 individuals present at any given time (number calculated adding Zone 0 individuals + Zone 1 individuals). The number of individuals from each group may vary from the example above, if the maximum of 135 individuals is always respected.



Zone 2 example:

Group / Time	10:00	13:00	16:00	19:00	20:45	22:30	23:30
Security	2	4	2	4	4	4	4
Medical Services				2	2	2	
Fire Services				2	2	2	
Police				2	2	2	
Arena Operators	2	2	2	4	4	4	
Visiting Team Delegation				4	4	4	
Home Team Delegation				8	8	8	
Photographers	4			4	4	4	4
Cleaning Staff	2	2	2	4	4	4	4
Catering			2	2	2	2	2
IFPC				4	4	4	2
<b>Zone 2 Subtotal:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>

Zone 2 must have a maximum of 65 individuals present at any given time, in case the game is played behind closed doors. The number of individuals from each group may vary from the example above, if the maximum of 65 individuals is always respected.

In case the game is played with spectators, the maximum number of individuals shall be proportional to the maximum number of spectators determined by the regional / national authorities.

#### Arena Signage Requirements

- Hygiene Measurement Station
- Zone Limitation
- Circulation Indicators
- Symptom Control
- Directions to All Rooms
- Alcohol Hand Sanitiser Indicators

Increase signage in appropriate locations throughout the arena (access points, locker rooms, workout room, playing court, medical area etc) outlining advisable precautions.

#### 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 that are PCR Tested every Gameday-3 may enter the locker room. Cleaning staff may only enter the locker rooms when they are empty of all other individuals.

## Playing Court Access

The court area must follow precise and frequent hygiene protocols and must always be kept within the safety enclosure. Ample access to alcohol hand sanitiser will be available. All material entering the playing court will follow the same control standard: bottles, towels, physio / medical bags, folders / computers.

All individuals with access to Zone 0 must have their body temperature checked upon arrival to the arena. If their body temperature is 37.5°C or above they will be taken immediately to the Isolation Room, with the Home Team Doctor performing a check-up of the individual. The Home Team Doctor will decide whether the individual can continue or whether they must remain in the Isolation Room until they leave the arena after the game has ended. The Home Team Doctor must call the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer immediately to notify him of their decision.

Players and staff members will leave their belongings which are not essential in the locker room / office. Before entering the court, players and staff members must have disinfected their hands using an alcohol hand sanitiser. Teams and referees will follow circulation signs to access court, people which may cross paths with them (Unified Scorers, security staff, IFPC camera operators, cleaning staff etc.) must always wear FFP2 face masks and respect physical distancing measures.

Arena staff responsible for the playing court must be very strict with hygiene and disinfection.

## Clothing, Footwear, Team Bench Area

Each team will have a person in charge of organising clothing and footwear for cleaning and disinfection. 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. Except for the players on the scoresheet and the head coach, all other individuals in the team bench area will wear FFP2 face masks.

## Balls

One person will be responsible for disinfecting balls after practice and games. To properly and thoroughly clean and disinfect basketballs after each use, teams should engage in the following procedure, recommended by Spalding:

- Mix 1.2ml of dishwashing liquid per every 3.75l of water
- With a clean cloth or towel, wipe the ball with the mix
- Further wipe the ball with water alone
- Allow the ball to air dry
- Once dry, spray the ball with an approved disinfectant

The clean / soiled areas should be clearly marked - removal of soiled material (play clothes - towels - rubbish) must strictly follow the circuit. Special control will be in place for entrances / exits, for example if an individual must go to the locker room for equipment and then enter the playing court again.

### 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.

### Team Attendants

Must wear an FFP2 face mask, they must keep a safe distance, they must have an alcohol hand sanitiser bottle and paper towels to disinfect and dry any ball that leaves the playing court prior to play resuming.

### Scorer's Table

Direct contact between individuals sat at the Scorer's Table and players / coaching staff / referees must be avoided at all costs. The tasks do not allow a safety distance of 1.5m therefore all individuals must always wear an FFP2 face mask when going to / from the scorer's table as well as when they are at the scorer's table. Communication between the referees and all individuals at the scorer's table requires a minimum 1.5m distance is always maintained.

### 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 (including full protective equipment for the ambulance crew, FFP2 mask for the player, ensuring this is compliant with the medical safety requirements for medical personnel in that country).

### Entertainment

Euroleague Basketball will study case by case any proposed entertainment activities. These 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 must avoid:

- Entering or leaving the playing court at the same time as either team / another group
- Spitting or clearing their nose
- Wiping the ball with any element of clothing or a towel
- Licking their hands
- Touching their mouthguard
- Shaking hands with anyone else
- Giving a high five to anyone else
- 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.

## Medical Room

Only one player per room may be treated in order to maintain the preventive measures (a maximum of two simultaneously since there are two rooms in the infirmary). No player or staff member, out of team doctor or physiotherapist, may pass through the infirmary if a player is being treated. Single-use paper must be used for each per stretcher and removed after each treatment.

## Isolation Room

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

## 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 athlete 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 Doping Control Officer and the Doping Control Assistant must wear an FFP2 face mask, as must the players and team doctor(s). Doping Control Officers and Doping Control Assistants must follow the protocols in this document.

## Practices

All individual practices and team practices, held in the practice facility, arena or in any other facility, must follow the minimum standards of the protocols. All playing courts, locker rooms, massage tables, gym equipment, practice equipment, balls must be cleaned and disinfected before and after every use. Any object that must be used inside an individual's mouth must be sterilised after every use.

Except for players and the head coach, all other individuals must wear FFP2 face masks during practices. Any coaching staff member who has direct physical contact with players must wash their hands frequently.

## Administration / Media / Suppliers

Access control, protection and circulation measures must be established in relation to each zone, proximity to the teams and to clean areas.

# General Protection Measures

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- 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 2020-21 Euroleague Basketball Health & Safety Protocols and will be the point of contact for all individuals.

## Educational Session

Clubs medical staff must conduct at least one educational session to review the requirements and recommendations set forth in this document and give all Zone 0 individuals the opportunity to ask questions. Required topics that must be covered include:

- Hygiene Rules of Conduct
- COVID-19 symptoms
- Testing protocols
- Travel
- Physical distancing
- Hand washing
- Domestic hygiene
- FFP2 & other face masks, including best practices for correct usage and removal
- Daily health monitoring

## Daily Health Monitoring

All individuals are recommended daily to record their own body temperature, any symptoms associated with COVID-19, close contacts with other individuals, their blood oxygen saturation.

## Team Doctor Medical Assessment Form

Prior to every game the Team Doctor will proceed to sign a form where the names of all team members appear and certify they have successfully passed the medical assessment and PCR test (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. The home team doctor will perform the medical assessment and sign a form for the three referees once they have arrived in the arena pre-game. Referees must provide a copy of their last PCR test to the home team doctor.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all the individuals on the Team Delegation list below have had a PCR test taken on Gameday -3 with a negative result, have had their health status reviewed by our club's medical staff, and all have adequate health conditions. None of them have evidence nor signs of common COVID-19 symptoms.

If travelling to the away game, all individuals may travel by bus / train / plane and then return after the game by bus / train / plane to our home city or to the team's next destination.

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Team Doctor Signature:

### Physical Distancing

At all times outside games and practices, individuals must refrain from unnecessary contact, and maintain 1.5m distance from each other. If that is physically impossible then an FFP2 face mask must be worn.

### Security Staff

Those in Zone 0 must use an FFP2 face mask and disposable gloves. Those in Zones 1, 2, 3 must use a face mask and disposable gloves. They will strictly adhere to their positions and circulation areas, maintain physical distancing. An adequate number of security personnel will guarantee that the zoning protocols are respected by all individuals.

### Cleaning Staff

Those in Zone 0 must use an FFP2 face mask and disposable gloves. Those in Zones 1, 2, 3 must use a face mask and disposable gloves. They will strictly adhere to their positions and circulation areas, maintain physical distancing. An adequate number of cleaning staff will be assigned in order to clean and disinfect all areas before and after use.

### Photographers

Every individual is responsible for the disinfection of his / her material. Those in Zone 0 must use an FFP2 face mask, whilst those in Zones 1, 2, 3 must wear a face mask when inside the arena.

### Press Conferences

The Press Conference Room will be disinfected prior to every use. Players / head coaches will enter and exit through a different door than the media unless there is only one door in which case players / head coaches will only enter and exit when all media are sat down. All microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. The media will never be closer than 3m from the speakers 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.

### 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.



### Statement of Health Questionnaire (Yes / No)

All individuals in Zone 0 and Zone 1 (excluding players, coaching staff, referees) must agree to complete and sign a statement of health questionnaire as well as adhere to the hygiene rules of conduct. The questionnaires must be collected by the home club COVID-19 Manager for every game. Individuals in Zone 0 must use an FFP2 face mask, whilst those in Zones 1, 2, 3 must wear a face mask when inside the arena / practice facility.

1. Fever in the past 14 days?
2. Cough in the past 14 days?
3. Sore throat or limb pain in the past 14 days?
4. Difficulty breathing in the past 14 days?
5. Reduced sense of taste and smell in the past 14 days?
6. Contact with a COVID-19 patient in the past 14 days?
7. Been in a COVID-19 hotspot in the past 14 days?
8. Been COVID-19 tested? (If yes, when and how?)
9. Have you read and understood the Hygiene Rules of Conduct?

If the answer to at least one of the first eight questions is yes, access and accreditation will be decided by the home club COVID-19 Manager.

# Testing

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## PCR Testing

Before starting PCR 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). All players and coaching staff will have a PCR test at Gameday-3 prior to every game. Gameday always refers to a EuroLeague or EuroCup game.

	<b>PCR Testing of players, coaching staff, direct team environment</b>	<b>Testing Time</b>
<b>Low Pandemic Level</b> < 5 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Once per week	Gameday -3
<b>Medium Pandemic Level</b> ≥ 5 and < 35 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Twice per week	Gameday -3, Gameday +1
<b>High Pandemic Level</b> ≥ 35 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Twice per week	Gameday -3, Gameday +1

Anytime two games take place within three days, the first Gameday -3 test remains valid for the second game in the same week. Special procedures must be arranged when necessary (e.g. team takes a PCR test at the away game city, with the support of the home Team Doctor or at the Domestic League away game city.)

Euroleague Basketball's Medical Staff may request to see the latest testing lab reports from a team at any time during the season (regardless of whether there are / are not positive PCR test results).

Anytime entry requirements to a country require additional PCR testing (for example on Gameday -1 upon arrival to the country), the visiting team delegation and referees must be tested. The home Team Doctor must support the visiting team and referees to comply with the PCR testing.

## Pandemic Level Definition

The pandemic level is defined as follows: combined seven-day incidence of the county / city where the club is located plus all adjacent counties / cities. For the calculation, all new cases in the last seven days from all counties / cities are added up and divided amongst the total number of inhabitants. The calculation will be made every Monday and obtained from the public health authorities.

### Individuals Who Have Overcome COVID-19

Individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and subsequently received medical clearance will be exempt from further PCR testing if:

- The Team Doctor vouches in writing that the individual meets all the necessary health conditions
- The Team Doctor sends a request via email to the Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer
- The Euroleague Basketball Medical Officer approves the individual's PCR testing exemption, in which case he shall send confirmation to the Team Doctor via email

### Rapid Saliva Testing

Euroleague Basketball continue to study and monitor potential rapid saliva-based testing that may be validated, authorised and available. Should this type of testing pass the necessary steps, they will then become incorporated to the Health & Safety Protocols.

# Positive PCR Test Result

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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, as well as the individual being immediately isolated, in the previously prepared room in case they are in the arena or practice facility. They shall be assessed and transferred with the ambulance team using personal protective equipment. All areas where the patient has accessed will be disinfected.

An extensive log of contacts will be documented in order to selectively initiate further testing and any other measures. In case the symptoms are mild and respond well to symptomatic treatment, the 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 dyspnea) for more than five days and / or worsening of the general state, the patient will be referred to hospital for a more detailed evaluation.

PCR tests will be repeated 24 hours and 86 hours later (one day later and three and a half days later). A PCR test will be repeated in seven days for a positive patient with action based on the result. If negative the patient may return to activity. If positive the patient must isolate for seven additional days.

The return-to-play protocol includes a total of 14 days from the first positive test or from the last day with symptoms (the latter of the two). In addition, a player must produce two negative tests 24 hours from each other, a positive antibody test within the last 30 days, a negative quick test, cardiac screening including troponin testing, electrocardiogram and an echocardiogram before getting cleared to return.

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 14 days must be documented.

Detailed data for a game is not available, but it can be assumed that of the approximate 30 minutes that a player may be on the playing court, no more than two thirds (therefore 20 minutes) are spent in direct contact with an opponent. These contact minutes are naturally distributed among several players, so the 1:1 contact with each individual opponent is clearly much less than 15 minutes.

## Public Communication

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

Schematic Table

<b>Positive PCR Test Result(s)</b>  Individual(s) isolated from rest of the team	<b>PCR Test Repeated</b>  Second PCR test for entire team taken at Gameday -2	<b>Negative PCR Test Result</b>  Individual(s) reincorporated to team
		<b>Positive PCR Test Result(s)</b>  Individual(s) isolated from rest of the team

# Transportation

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Individuals 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 games, unless they are sat more than 1.5m from anyone else in which case they can remove their FFP2 face mask. All individuals must carry their own bottle of alcohol hand sanitiser which must be used frequently.

Seats will be assigned to maximise the distance between everyone. In buses the row behind the driver's seat will always be kept empty. Aside from the bus driver, only those members of the Team Delegation who have been PCR tested at the same time as the players and coaching staff are authorised to travel on the bus.

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.

Teams flying on scheduled flights should obtain priority check-in, use fast track lanes at security checks; use airport lounges, avoid entering any airport shop and be the last passengers to board the airplane, all in order to avoid contact with the general public. The same principles apply when connecting between flights.

Teams travelling by train should book a charter train or an entire carriage for the team delegation with no other individuals permitted entry to the same train / carriage.

## 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, and will never occur at the same time. 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.

# Hotels

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The COVID-19 Manager must contact the hotel prior to the team travelling, in order to ensure that health & safety measures in the hotel with regards to hygiene, catering, security are of the required standard. Teams should stay on an exclusive floor / sector in order to minimise crossing with other hotel guests. Should this be impossible due to the hotel configuration, teams should aim to have an exclusive hotel entrance / exit, exclusive meeting / dining room, exclusive elevator. Players and coaching staff are not to access common areas such as wellness, gym or bar. Elbows are to be used for elevator buttons, handrails and door handles instead of hands.

## Team Delegation List

When configuring the travel party, teams shall minimise the size of these, identifying at risk individuals based on their age and / or underlying health conditions and avoiding travel where possible.

## Personal Belongings

Each individual must carry their luggage / personal belongings at all times. Hotel staff are not permitted to handle any luggage / personal belongings at any time.

## Physical Distancing

Individuals must maintain as much as distance as possible, always at least 1.5m away from hotel staff as well as any other guests.

## Check-In / Hotel Room Arrival

One coaching staff member will check-in the entire team delegation, with the other members waiting in the bus. Upon arrival to the hotel room, remove shoes and leave them near the door, Wash hands with soap and warm water. Disinfect objects that you have used outside the room such as mobile phones, glasses, sunglasses.

## Meals

Adequate amounts of food and beverages must be distributed prior to player and coaching staff arrival in the meal room. If food is distributed in buffet format, the meals may not be distributed by hotel staff, instead players and coaching staff must serve themselves individually. Tables are to be cleared only after all players and coaching staff have left.

## Rooms

Single rooms should be provided for all individuals. Rooms must be well ventilated every day, whilst cleaning staff must be arranged to enter rooms only when the team is outside the hotel.

# Referees

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## 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.

## Pandemic Level Definition

	<b>PCR Testing of Referees</b>	<b>Testing Time</b>
<b>Low Pandemic Level</b> < 5 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Once per week	Gameday -3
<b>Medium Pandemic Level</b> ≥ 5 and < 35 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Once per week	Gameday -3
<b>High Pandemic Level</b> ≥ 35 new infections per week per 100,000 inhabitants	Twice per week	Gameday -3, Gameday +1

The Referee's place of residence is used as a reference to assess the pandemic level and therefore the frequency of PCR testing required. Referees are responsible every Monday to know whether they reside in an area of Low, Medium or High Pandemic Level and arrange their PCR testing accordingly. Referees will have a PCR test at Gameday-3 prior to every Euroleague Basketball game.

Referees must assign one validated PCR testing facility in their home city, arranged through their general practitioner or a validated hospital. For Gameday +1 testing, the PCR test may take in the city of the game at the PCR testing facility designated by the home team or in the home city of the Referee. If a Referee does not have any nominations for a period of 10 or more days, they may stop PCR testing until their next nomination.

## Hotels

The Euroleague Basketball Officiating Department will contact the hotel prior to Referees travelling, in order to ensure that health & safety measures in the hotel with regards to hygiene, catering, security are of the required standard.

## In-Game Physical Distancing

Players / Head Coaches / Referees are not required to maintain physical distancing during games.



# International Feed Production Company

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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.

IFPC personnel regardless of the zone(s) in which they perform their duties must complete a statement of health questionnaire and submit this to the home club COVID-19 Manager. Their paths must not cross those of players, coaching staff and referees, unless physically impossible in which case this must be kept to a bare minimum. No unnecessary conversations are to take place with any Zone 0 individuals.

## Production Trucks, OB Van, Satellite Uplink Truck

These must be equipped with disinfection kits, with minimum 1.5m distance between individuals who will always wear a face mask, with an FFP2 face mask strongly recommended. Plexiglass sheets can alternatively be installed between each work position. Hygiene Rules of Conduct must be displayed in the English and local languages inside all vehicles.

Closed rooms must be aired out for 10 minutes three to four times during gameday. Equipment surfaces and door handles must be cleaned with a surface disinfectant before production begins and after breakdown.

## 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. 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 be closer than 1.5m from any other individual.

## 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

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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 regardless of the zone(s) in which they perform their duties must complete a statement of health questionnaire and submit this to the home club COVID-19 Manager. Their paths must not cross those of players, coaching staff and referees, unless physically impossible in which case this must be kept to a bare minimum. No unnecessary conversations are to take place with any Zone 0 individuals.

Media personnel must be accredited by the home club, with full contact details provided. They must always wear a face mask inside the arena.

## Media In-Arena Seating Area

Media personnel are recommended to be sat more than 1.5m from each other, however they can be sat closer than 1.5m from each other as they must always wear a face mask, with an FFP2 face mask strongly recommended.

## Rights Holders Commentary Positions

Rights holder personnel are recommended to be sat more than 1.5m from each other, however they can be sat closer than 1.5m from each other if they wear a face mask, with an FFP2 face mask strongly recommended. Commentators sat more than 1.5m from anyone else may remove their face mask only when they are commentating live, at all other times they must wear a face mask.

## 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. Players / head coaches will enter and exit through a different door than the media. All microphones will be disinfected and adequately protected. The media will never be closer than 3m from the speakers 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.

## Regional / National Authorities Restrictions

If media are prohibited from entering the arena due to regional / national authorities' restrictions, Euroleague Basketball will provide additional remote access to players and head coaches.

# Spectators

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Regional and / or national regulations regarding spectator access to arenas will be followed including seating distribution. The following are the recommended minimum standards:

- Spectators will access the arena in different time lapses depending in which section their ticket is located
- At arena access the use of face masks and alcohol hand sanitiser is compulsory
- Electronic tickets to be used in order to avoid the use of paper, unless physically impossible
- Seat distribution will follow a pattern that allows physical distancing as per the regional / national regulations

## Physical Distancing

At all times individuals must refrain from unnecessary contact and maintain 1.5m distance from each other. If that is physically impossible then a face mask must be worn.

## Courtside Seats

If authorised by the regional / national authorities, courtside seat spectators must follow all regulations contained within the Bylaws as well as:

- Have their feet no closer than 3m from the playing court
- Have a physical barrier separating their seats from the playing court that does not allow any circulation from their seats to the playing court level nor on the playing court level
- Always wear an FFP2 face mask
- Reach their seats from the fixed tribune and depart from their seats via the fixed tribune, never moving inside the arena on the playing court level
- Never touch any loose ball that arrives to the courtside seats at any time, instead waiting for a Team Attendant to collect and disinfect the ball

## Euroleague Basketball Club Pandemic Response Guidelines

Clubs must reference the Euroleague Basketball Club Pandemic Response Guidelines when managing spectators. Items to which attention must be paid include:

- 1.5m physical distancing must be respected in all queues both outside and inside the arena, as well as in vomitories' prior to entering each specific seating area
- All seats and surfaces must be disinfected before and after each game; constant monitoring and sanitisation of concession and public areas are necessary throughout the game
- Hand sanitisation stations need to be available at points where many spectators congregate such as entrances, exits, concessions and toilets
- Where possible, only electronic methods of payment for concessions are to be used

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