



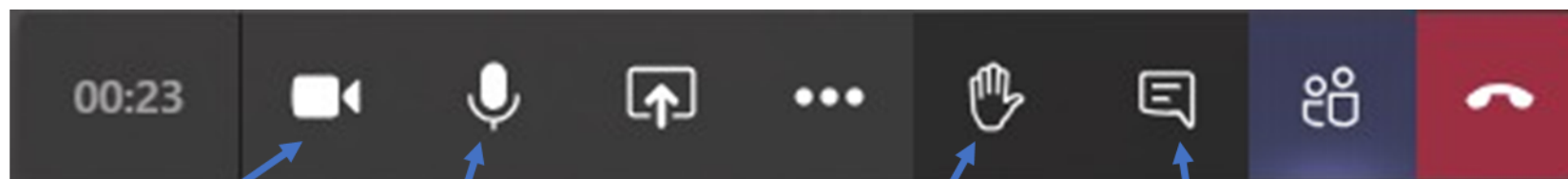
Team Officials Meeting Covid-19 Bulletin

August 5, 2021

Meeting Participants

- Representatives from participating teams
- EYOC organizers
 - Vilius Aleliūnas Event Director
 - Gytis Nakvosas Event Covid Manager
- IOF representatives
 - Tom Hollowell CEO
 - Bo Hem Simonsen IOF SEA
 - Olli Heinonen IOF Medical Expert
- Observers

Meeting Rules



Video camera

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Raise your hand

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Chat

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Goals

- **Get back to Zero Covid-19 virus spread at IOF events**

- **Well prepared event participants**

- Teams
- Athletes
- Organizer staff
- Media
- Everyone!

- **Communicating best practices to be followed by organisers and participants**

**Minimized risks and
a safe competition
environment**

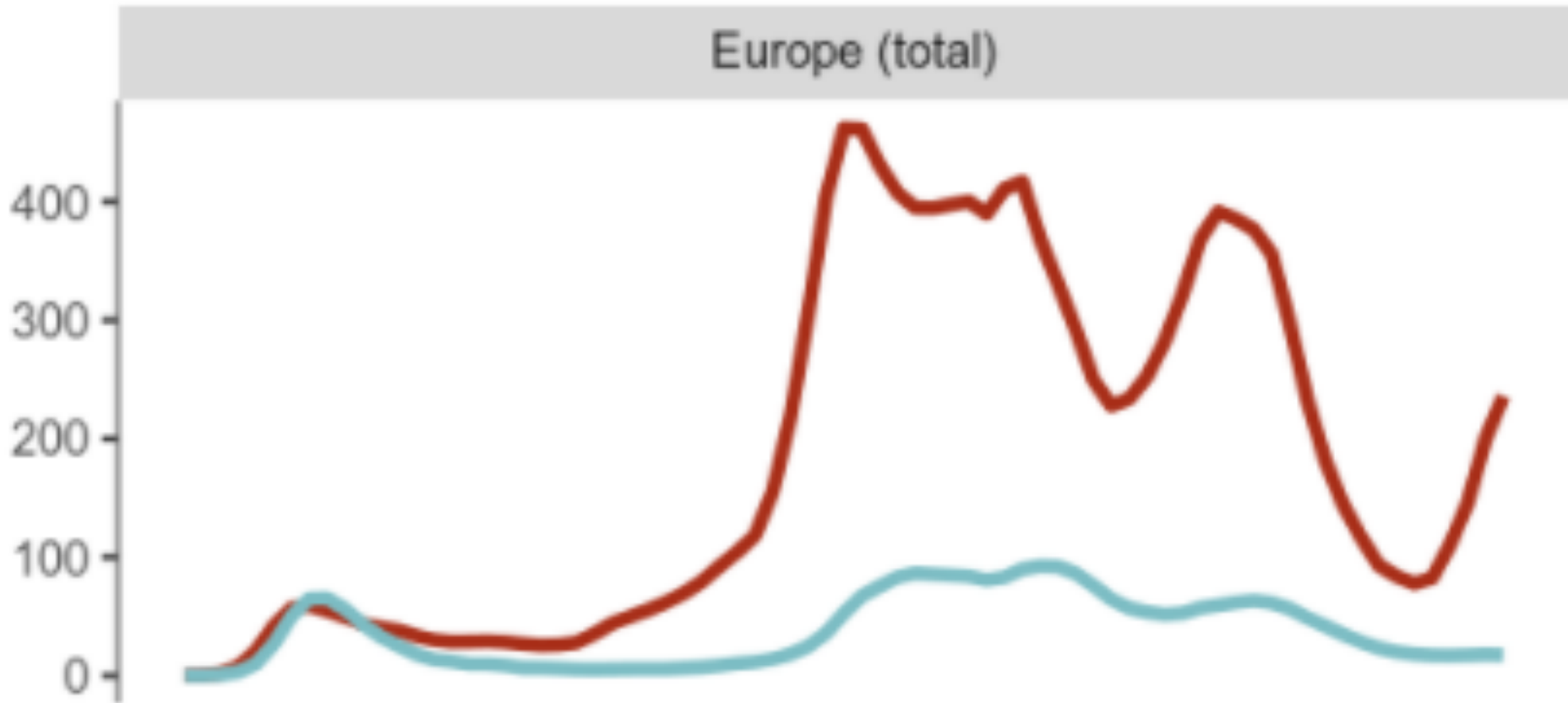


**It's all about
protecting athletes and teams and minimizing
the impact of our events on the potential
spreading of the virus in society.**

Updated Situation 8/2021

- **Increasing number of cases due to Delta variant**
 - Now represents appr 80 % of all cases in EU/EEA
 - Several countries have declared a 4th pandemic wave
- **Vaccination situation improving**
 - 40-50% fully vaccinated in most countries, but some lagging behind
 - However, younger groups in the range 10-40%
 - E.g AUT 40%, BUL 7%, CZE 20%, DEN 44%, FIN 6%, FRA 37%, NOR 9%, POR 10%, ESP 10%, SWE 10%
 - Effect seen on reducing serious illness
 - Vaccinated person can carry and spread the virus
 - Not as effective on Delta variant (3rd dose shows promise)
- **Travel and local restrictions being lessened but also reinstated in some countries**

Europe: 14-day COVID-19 case and death notification rates
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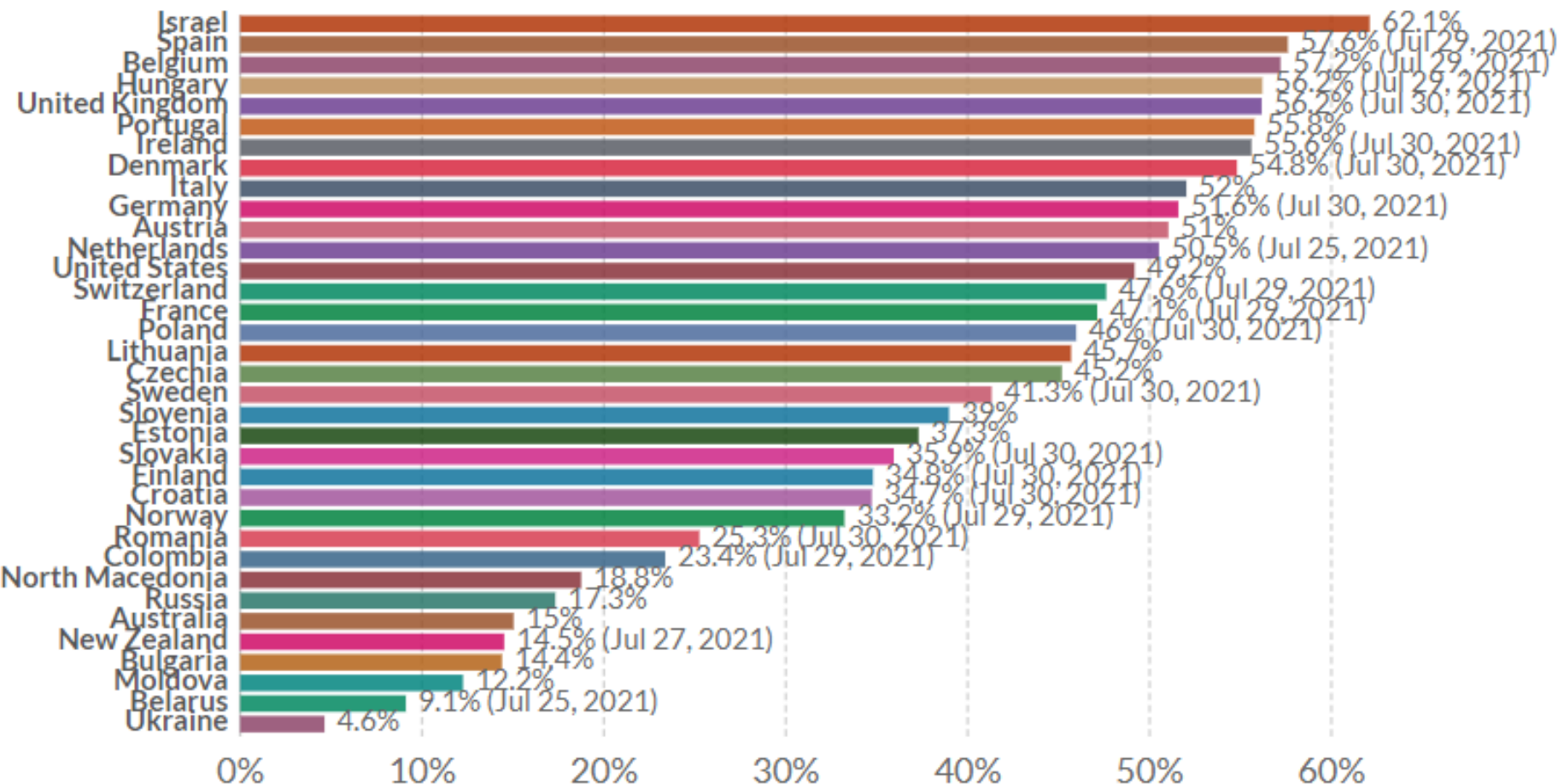


Source: ECDC Weekly Report

Share of the population fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Jul 31, 2021

Share of the total population that have received all doses prescribed by the vaccination protocol. This data is only available for countries which report the breakdown of doses administered by first and second doses.

+ Add country





EYOC and JWOC are special events



- Healthy youths will be the last to be fully vaccinated
- We all have higher responsibility for protecting the health and well-being of youth athletes
- Higher need and temptation for interaction with family and friends outside of the event bubble
- Social distancing and interaction needs special attention

Experiences WOC 2021

- **Text book case**
 - **Bubble was established safely**
 - All entry tests negative
 - Infections found late in the week, high probability that spread happened at WOC
 - **Spread between non-bubble and bubble**
 - We don't know exactly how
 - At least 2 different variants found, i.e. Multiple infection chains
 - **Spread within the bubble**
 - Several teams with multiple cases
 - **Vaccinated persons became infected and infected others**
 - At least two occasions of this happening
 - **Prevalence of new variants (Delta)**
 - **Both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases**
 - We don't know the true number of cases
 - We also don't know if WOC has lead to the virus spreading after arriving home



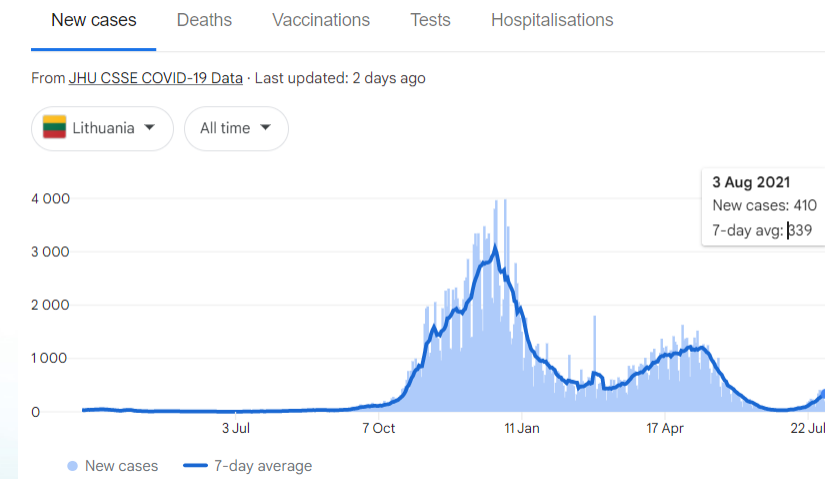
Experiences WOC 2021



- **Learnings relevant to EYOC 2021**
 - Single entry testing not enough
 - Spectators in the arena caused difficulties in maintaining the bubble
 - Temptation to mix with fans/family etc
 - Separation and social distancing not well enough practiced within the bubble
 - It is not one single bubble
 - Mask usage poor at the beginning of the week, improved with reminders
- **Psychological effects**
 - Situation in the host country
 - Spectators/public present
 - Feeling that we are back to normal
- **Personal responsibility needs to be reinforced**
 - Information/Education about why it is important
 - Improved enforcement and sanctioning

Situation for EYOC 2021

- Lithuania infection rate increasing but from a low level
 - Prevalence of Delta variant
- Approximately 45% of the population is fully vaccinated, 51% partially
- Due to the nature of the event we have decided that spectators will NOT be allowed at the EYOC competitions.
 - I.e. A strict closed bubble will be used
 - Some media and VIPs will be present but will follow the Covid protocols in place





EYOC 2021 Covid-19 protocol

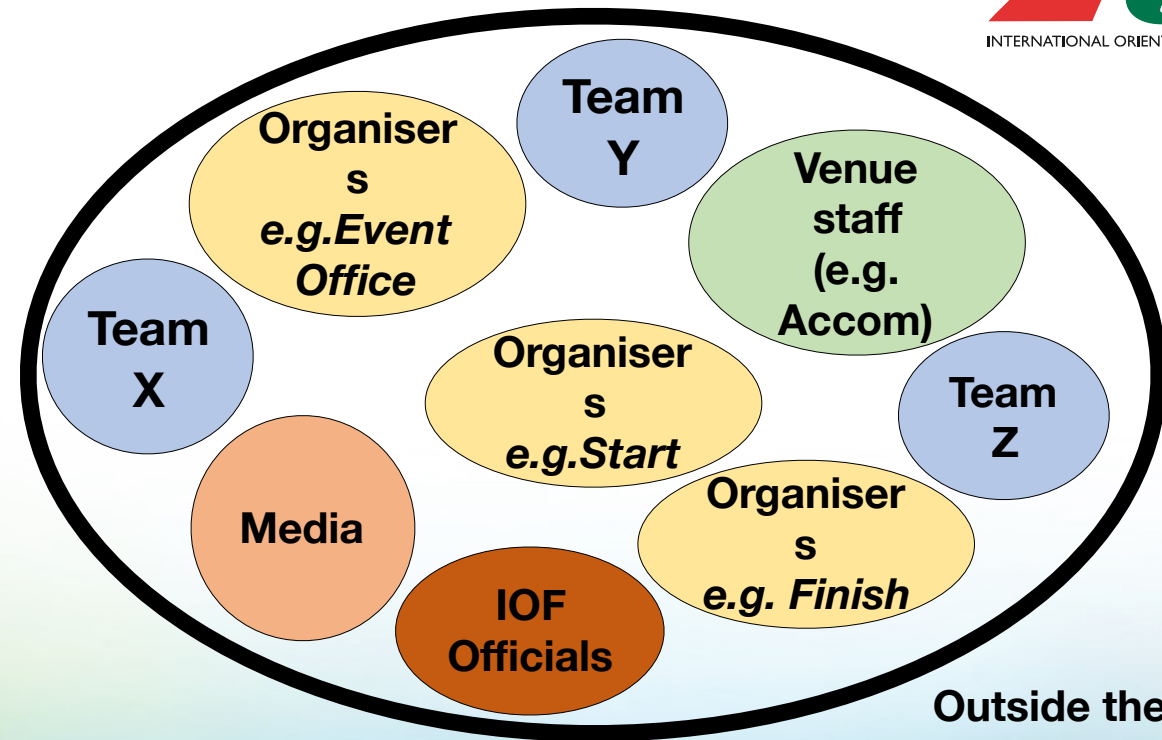


Changes/updates from previous event bulletins

- **Will be organised with a strict "bubble"**
 - NO unnecessary non-bubble contacts
 - NO spectators present to limit temptations and interaction opportunities
 - Consider the bubble implementation within your team
- **Due to the shorter length of the event and many teams arriving vary late it is not logistically practical to do common PCR testing at arrival**
 - PCR test can be done at home but not later than 48 hours prior to the event, i.e. since the event starts 19/8, only tests made from 17/8 are valid.
 - Mandatory Antigen testing upon arrival at the event.
- **Notes:**
 - This places special attention to social distancing and reducing contacts during travel to the event.
 - If arriving to LTU before 17/8 the PCR test will need to be done in LTU.
- **Change from previous bulletins. Participants with a verified previous Covid-19 infection in the past 180 days are exempt from testing requirements.**
 - However, documented proof of infection (verifiable PCR test showing the infection and doctor's certificate) must be provided in advance
 - Fully vaccinated persons must still do testing as they can still carry and transmit the virus.
- **Media and Organisers will have the same requirements and testing as participants.**
- **VIP will be present but will not interact with teams.**

Bubble wall needs to be stronger than ever

- Minimize contacts from now
- PCR testing required to enter and stay in the bubble
- Only absolutely necessary contacts outside the bubble
- Strictly minimize contacts within the Event bubble
- Competition-related activities only
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY



If testing positive
or becoming sick

Isolation
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Outside the bubble:

- Local society
- Spectators
- Fans/family
- Some media
- Some volunteers

Key principles

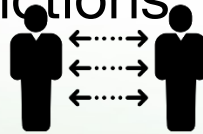
- **Pillar 1: Responsibility**

- Full compliance expected
- Frequent participants health reporting
- Non-obeyance may lead to individual and/or team sanctions



- **Pillar 2: Distance**

- Isolation of sick persons
- Avoid contacts
- Restricted areas
- Regulated flow of people
- Separating groups
- Digitalized processes



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- **Pillar 3: Hygiene**

- Masks (**FFP2!**)
- Hand-washing
- Disinfection
- No handshaking
- Respiratory hygiene
- Meal service



Before the event



- **Maximize chance of being virus free when entering the bubble**
 - Stay “isolated” 10 days prior to travel
 - Limit social contact
 - No club or open trainings or competitions
 - Special attention to high level of hygiene from 10 days prior to travel
 - Observe any signs of symptoms/illness
- **If having had Covid-19**
 - Provide documentation of previous PCR test and Doctor’s certificate
- **Transport to event country**
 - Consider using non-public transportation if possible (e.g. own car)
 - Take special care of precautions during travel (social distancing, wearing of masks, frequency of washing hands and sanitizing)
 - Limit the number of individual contacts, e.g. Team Leaders take collective responsibility where possible.
- **Team level: Consider hotel bookings to adhere to rules and risk of isolation**
- **Consider Individual and Team Insurance needs**
 - All isolation, quarantine, medical and testing costs are the responsibility of the individual/team



Summary

- **The pandemic is not over yet**
- **Please respect all requirements in the Covid-19 Bulletin**
- **The most effective Covid-19 mitigation method is effective social distancing**
- **The experiences from WOC must be considered**
- **Personal responsibility and respect is absolutely key**
- **Enforcement of the Covid Bulletin rules will be improved**

It's all about protecting athletes and teams!