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The information contained in the columns below are for easy reference for the reader and do not replace or supersede the Official Communiqués and Decisions of the Host Government.

Category of person	Entry in Switzerland ¹	Entrance to the CIGG Venue and or ITU HQ Premises	Access to restaurants & hotels	Additional information
Persons who are expected in an official capacity by a permanent mission/representation/delegation or by an international organisation	<p>1 – Delegates from the Schengen area have freedom of movement in and out of Switzerland.</p> <p>2 – Delegates from outside the Schengen Area can access Switzerland under one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of a full vaccination scheme using one of the recognized vaccine (see this official list); - OR if the person is considered cured (see this official link); - OR if the delegate’s visit results from Switzerland’s international obligation (mission order, explanatory note verbal)¹ <p>The afore-mentioned rules will be lifted as of May the 02nd. The normal entry requirements remain applicable for travel planning.</p>	-The entrance to the ITU HQ or to the ITU events in Geneva does not require sanitary COVID-19 certificate(s);	No restrictions.	<p>Useful links for PCR tests, in close vicinity to ITU and with a possibility to book a slot on-line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EspaceLabs: Espace Lab Suisse Laboratoire analyses biologique & pathologie (espace-lab.ch) • Dianalabs : Dianalabs SA - Analyse médicale

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What happens in case a delegate is tested positive?	<p>If a delegate feels suspicious symptoms (possibly detected by the entrance’s thermal imaging camera system), the ITU’s medical service will be the first point of contact to assist and/or consult with the “Service du Medecin Cantonal” (Medical authority officially in charge public health in Geneva):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the patient be tested positive, Switzerland does not impose isolation on confirmed cases any longer. However, the ITU still restricts access to its premises to COVID-19 cases and contacts for 7 days. - Should a participant develop a severe form of the COVID-19, local healthcare providers may refer to hospital. In this specific case, participants, especially those coming from a foreign country should ensure the health-related costs² billed in Switzerland can be covered by their personal healthcare plan³.
What happens to the conference if a participant is tested positive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should a participant be tested positive, the ITU medical service will be the first point of contact to coordinate with the “service du Medecin cantonal”. - The ITU medical service will follow up the support requested by the participant on a case-by-case basis. <p>The ITU can be contacted using the following number + 41 22 730 67 88 on a 24-hour basis (ITU Security Operations Hub).</p>
What cleaning / air circulation will occur in the meeting rooms, both between meetings, and at the end of each day? And what about the status of air conditioning/circulation in the CIGG and ITU buildings?	<p>The meeting rooms air circulation capacities are modelled with a dedicated application (CARA - developed by the CERN). The tool models the COVID-19 concentration in the air and in different Business Continuity scenarios. An example of how the CARA tool informs the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) for an ITU event is as follows:</p> <p><i>If during a meeting in room XX the coordination team receives the notification of an air circulation failure, the data modelled in CARA would indicate that the concentration of the virus in the air would not reach a level of concern in the first 45’ following the failure. X options would be possible:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) resumption of air ventilation within 30’: no interruption of the session, 2) opening windows (if any, and if the weather allows), 3) if the air ventilation is not resumed after 30’, the chair of the meeting will call for a 30’ break (coffee, lunch or other). Resumption of the meeting would happen in the same room (if the problem is solved during this period of time), or in an alternate room if the failure can’t be resumed). <p>The cleaning protocol with both the ITU and CIGG is in line with the “clean and Safe”⁴ label.</p>

¹ https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/dam/mission-onu-omc-aele-geneve/en/documents/COVID-19-Information-for-people-travelling-to-Switzerland_EN.pdf

² <https://www.hug.ch/en/invoice>

³ <https://www.hug.ch/en/you-are-domiciled-outside-geneva>

⁴ <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en/planning/about-switzerland/clean-safe/>