

2021 JORDAN RALLY MERC

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

1 Introduction

Jordan Motorsport is the organiser of the 2021 Jordan Rally MERC, and sole governing representative body of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). Has been engaged with the Jordanian government as well as FIA Authorities to ensure the event will be run in accordance with all applicable Jordanian government COVID-19 regulations as well as FIA Appendix S.

This document will be amended and updated regularly by the organiser in accordance with government regulations.

All participants may find the most recent copy located on the event website www.jordanrally.com and Sportity App.

During the running of the event 2 COVID-19 doctors will be monitoring the implementation of this plan, any infringements will be reported to the Stewards.

The Organisers point of contact for COVID-19 issues – including to report anybody showing signs of symptoms is Jordan Rally MERC is the CMO – Dr Hashem Abdallat he can be contacted by email hashemabdallat58@gmail.com.

2 General Overview of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

2.1 What is it?

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus which may cause illness in animals as well as humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. First identified in a cluster with pneumonia symptoms in Wuhan city, Hubei province of China.

2.2 What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Dry cough
- Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhoea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.

2.3 How does COVID-19 spread?

Novel Coronavirus strains are spread from person to person through contaminated droplets from a person who is sick with the illness (through coughing or sneezing) or contaminated hands.

- The virus can spread through touching an infected surface.
- People can also catch COVID-19 if they breathe in droplets from a person with COVID-19 who coughs out or exhales droplets. Therefore, it is important to stay more than 1 meter (3 feet) away from a person who is sick.

2.4 What are the ways to prevent the disease?

- Washing hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain at least 2-meter (6 feet) distance between yourself and others.
- Covering mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth before washing your hands.
- Avoid shaking hands and just wave.
- Avoid hugging or kissing others.
- Avoid contact with animals (live or dead).
- Take enough rest and take a large amount of fluids.

2.5 For those arriving to Jordan:

If you have any symptom of a respiratory infection and have travelled to any country with a widespread outbreak of COVID-19, we advise you to do the following:

- Visit the nearest health centre or hospital and immediately inform the doctor of your recent travel history and your symptoms.
- Follow the doctor's instructions, and if you were advised to self-isolate, please avoid any direct contact with people.
- Take the information from reliable sources.

For any medical support or inquiry, please contact Ministry of Health telephone 111.

3 Traveling into Jordan for the event

Jordan has some air travel restrictions and mandates for certain countries. All attendees of the Jordan Rally MERC that are traveling into Jordan, must ensure they check the most up to date guidelines from the government regarding traveling into Jordan. For the most up to date information, it is recommended that you visit the Jordan Tourism Board COVID-19 Update [HERE](#).

3.1 Arriving by Air:

- QAIA – Amman: if you are arriving through Queen Alia International Airport in Amman (international flights only) all nationalities are required to take a COVID-19 PCR test, the test fees must be paid online by visiting this [website](#), the fees are 28 JD/32.50 €/39.50 US\$, once the receipt is received (by email), print a copy or keep one in your phone as you will need to present it when doing the test.

3.2 Arriving by Land:

- For attendees arriving by land border, a PCR test may be required at the border, however you MUST register on this [website](#) before arriving at the border.

All travellers are requested to download the Ministry of Health app “AMAN” which is available for [Apple iPhones](#) & [Android](#).

4 Access

4.1 Before the start of the event

4.1.1 Bracelets & Passes:

DEAD SEA: All attendees of the Jordan Rally MERC staying in the Dead Sea must obtain their access bracelets and passes which must be worn all the time during the event at the entrance of the Service Park in order to access High Density Areas. Only bracelet and pass holders will be permitted entry to these areas.

4.1.2 PCR Test

All attendees must take a COVID-19 PCR test in Jordan either on arrival at any of the border entry points mentioned in article 3.1 above or at any testing centre in the country. The result submitted must be 48 hours or less before the start of the event on March 18th. For a list of approved testing centres see (Article 6).

4.1.3 FIA Code of Conduct

96 hours before the event the FIA Code of Conduct Disclaimer/Health Declaration will be available on Sportity, this form must be completed, printed, and submitted at the Service Park COVID-19 tent at the entrance.

4.1.4 COVID-19 Tent

On arrival to the event, all attendees must first report to the COVID-19 tent located at the entrance of the Service Park. Officials will validate both your PCR test report and the Health Declaration and then be given a bracelet and pass to enter the event facilities.

4.1.5 No one will be allowed access without the bracelet/pass.

4.2 During the event

4.2.1 High Density Areas

- Service Park & Rally HQ: Access to Service Park and Rally HQ is limited to bracelet and pass holders, no access will be allowed without them.

- Service areas will be a minimum of 2 meters apart to ensure safe distancing, marshals will monitor all the SP areas to ensure PPE proper usage.
- Team access to HQ will be limited to the Team Manager/Representative whose name is mentioned on the Entry Form, unless otherwise required by the Clerk of the Course.
- Scrutineers, Marshals and Safety teams, access to Rally HQ will be limited to their respective Chiefs.

4.2.2 Administrative Checks & Scrutineering

- Driver/Co-driver attendance is NOT required during the Administrative Checks nor Scrutineering, only the Team Manager/Representative is required.
- The Team Manager/Representative will present all the required documents in original format including crew driving and competition licenses and sign the required documents on behalf of the crew.
- All materials will be handed in a sealed envelope.
- Receipt signature is required so please bring your own pen with you.
- The Administrative Checks and Scrutineering schedules for each competitor will be published by a bulletin in due time.
- The service team may present the car for Scrutineering (no more than 3 persons) who will be wearing their masks at all times and working within a safe distance not less than 2 meters apart.

4.2.3 Time Controls, SS Start, Stop

- When competitors arrive at a Time Control (TC, SS, stop, service & regrouping in/out) the co-driver will NOT open the car door, window nor give his Time Card to the Marshal, rather the Marshal will display the time to the co-driver from a special sheet through the window where the co-driver will write the time on his Time Card.
- For regroupings during a day, the crews shall themselves record their re-start time from the regroup as instructed by the timing marshal on their new timecard for the following Section of that day.
- In case of an overnight regroup, the crew shall themselves record their re-start time of the following day on their timecard, following the publication of the start list for the section after the overnight regroup.

4.2.4 Protection

- All attendees are required to wear a mask ALL THE TIME during the event, that includes all officials, marshals, teams, competitors, service personnel, and any other personnel participating in the event.
- In addition, all attendees are encouraged to use sanitisers more frequently, avoid handshakes, touching and hugging.
- The organisers will provide all attendees with a kit which will contain disposable masks and a sanitiser.

4.3 Sportity App

- All attendees are required to download and install the Sportity App on their smartphones which is available for [iPhones](#) and [Android](#), all the information and documents will be available on the app, a password will be provided to all attendees before the start of the event.
- No physical Notice Board will be used.

4.4 Spectators will not be allowed access.

5 Jordan Health Authority Isolation Guidelines

The Jordan Rally MERC will have a protocol in place for any attendee during the event that show symptoms of COVID-19, to be isolated and tested immediately and will be sent to continue to isolate in their accommodation. If a positive test is returned, the person will be instructed to remain at their own hotel room or private residence to self-isolate for 10-14 days.

Further information for travellers can be found [HERE](#).

6 Jordan COVID-19 Approved Testing Centres

Amman has several approved COVID-19 testing centres, and most will have drive-through access. The test fee is 28 JD/32.5 €/39.5 US\$ and results are received in less than 24 hours generally.

See these links for approved testing centres:

- [QuestLab](#)
- [BioLab](#)
- [MedLabs](#)

In addition, several other labs as well as public and private hospitals conduct the test.

7 COVID-19 testing during the event for attendees return home

For all attendees that require a COVID-19 PCR test to travel home. The organisers will arrange for tests to be conducted on Saturday, schedule will be announced in due time, the result will be available in less than 12 hours.