

COVID-19 protection plan

A COVID-19 protection plan has been established according to the rules and directives in force in [Switzerland](#) and in [Valais](#) in order to ensure the sanitary safety of all individuals attending the Zonta District 30 Conference organized by the Zonta Club Sion-Valais in **Zermatt from September 24th to 26th, 2021**.

This plan has been approved by the OCVS (Organisation cantonale valaisanne des secours) on September 14th, 2021 and meets the requirements of the [l'Ordonnance sur les mesures destinées à lutter contre l'épidémie de COVID-19 en situation particulière](#).

Since September 13, 2021 the COVID-19 certificate is MANDATORY at the entrance to restaurants, cultural (museums) and leisure venues and indoor events throughout Switzerland.

Background of the Conference

The Zonta District 30 Conference is a general assembly with participants from 8 countries (Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Monaco, Bulgaria, Romania and Northern Macedonia). Registrations to the conference are nominative and mandatory. The tracing of all individuals registered at the conference is thus guaranteed. The Conference will host approximately 250 people.

All indoor events are private and take place in fully or partially privatized venues for the Conference (**category 1**):

- **Hotel Alex**: conference rooms privatized for the occasion (September 22-26, 2021)
- **Restaurant Sunnegga**: privatized for our evening on September 24, 2021
- **Restaurant Whympfer Stube**: privatized for the evening of September 23, 2021

Two events will not be entirely privatized, as part of them will take place in the public space of Zermatt. These are:

- Reception of about twenty walkers and cyclists (Hike&Bike) in the **public space** in the late morning of Friday, September 24, 2021. This event is organized in partnership with the Zermatt Tourist Office (OT) which is responsible for obtaining the authorizations (**category 3**).
- The Opening Ceremony of the Conference which will take place in the **Zermatt Church** on Friday afternoon September 24, 2021 (**category 2**).

The number of people expected to attend the Conference (excluding staff) is estimated as follows :

- 200 people on Friday September 24, 2021
- 250 people on Saturday September 25, 2021
- 150 people on Sunday September 26, 2021

COVID-19 organization during the Conference

A COVID-19 certificate will be required for all category 1 and 2 events.

Since category 1 and category 2 events will be restricted to persons with a COVID-19 certificate, they must comply with Art. 15 "Events with access restricted to persons with a certificate" of the Ordinance of June 23, 2021 on Measures to Combat the COVID-19 Epidemic in Special Situations. (Status September 13, 2021).

Events where access is restricted to people aged 16 years and older and only to holders of a COVID-19 certificate are not subject to any restrictions, except for the mandate to implement a protection plan which must include hygiene measures and the application of access restrictions.

Protection plan category 1 (Hotel Alex, Sunnegga and Whympfer Stube)

Meetings, conferences, workshops, coffee breaks, receptions and meals at the Hotel Alex and the Sunnegga and Whympfer Stube restaurants (all of which are fully privatized) require a [COVID-19 certificate](#) and must meet the following requirements (points a, b and c):

a) Hygiene measures

- Regular hand washing with soap and water, or disinfectant, for at least 30 seconds
- Sufficient supply of disinfectant by the organizers and the hotels/restaurants
- Supply of closed garbage cans for tissues and masks
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands
- Sneezing or coughing into a tissue or elbow
- Do not kiss or shake hands
- Respect, as far as possible, the safety distance of at least 1.5m
- Indoor spaces will be regularly ventilated
- Conference tables and audio equipment will be regularly disinfected
- Remain in your room if you experience COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, complete the [Coronavirus Check](#) self-assessment and notify the COVID-19 Attendant
- Registration on the "SwissCovid" application is highly recommended
- **Swiss or EU COVID-19 certificate required (QR code in electronic or paper form)**
- All persons working on site (hotel staff, restaurants) who are in contact with guests, customers or visitors must have a COVID-19 certificate, or alternatively, **must all wear a face mask in enclosed spaces**
- All volunteers of the organization must be holders of a COVID-19 certificate

b) Application of access restrictions

- All persons, including volunteers, aged 16 and older, who access the Category 1 premises (Hotel Alex, Sunnegga Restaurants and Whympfer Stube) must present the COVID-19 certificate
- PCR or antigenic tests are only valid for the duration of the test, which means that they must be repeated every 48 hours for antigenic tests and every 72 hours for PCR tests
- It is possible to do an antigenic test valid for 48 hours on site in Zermatt. Information and online appointment on COVID-19 : [COVID-19 : tests in Zermatt](#)
- Only healthy people without symptoms are allowed to participate in the events
- Symptoms that lead to a participation ban include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, breathing difficulties, loss of taste and smell

- The check of the COVID-19 certificate (scan of the COVID-19 certificate QR code using the application "Covid Check"), as well as the identity check will take place at the same time as the registration to the Conference at the various locations provided for this purpose in the Alex Hotel
- Upon validation of the COVID-19 certificate, individuals will be given a different colored bracelet depending on whether they have been vaccinated/healed or only tested
- Registration volunteers will be trained to scan and validate the COVID-19 certificate

c) Wearing masks, limiting the number of people at the table, coffee breaks and refreshments

Due to the requirement to present a COVID-19 certificate for category 1, masks will not be required for events in the Hotel Alex and the Sunnegga and Whympfer Stube restaurants (all of which will be privatized for this occasion). In addition, there will be no limit on the number of people per table, and coffee breaks and receptions may be held standing up. Dancing is allowed.

Protection Plan Category 2 (Zermatt Church)

The opening ceremony of the Conference will take place in the Zermatt Church on Friday afternoon, September 24th, 2021. Entry into the church will require a **COVID-19 certificate**.

- **Wearing a mask is recommended**
- Hand hygiene
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands
- Sneeze or cough into a handkerchief or into the fold of the elbow
- Do not kiss or shake hands
- People will be seated in the church and if possible respect the distance of 1.5m
- Registration on the "SwissCovid" application is highly recommended
- Only healthy people, without symptoms, are invited to enter the church
- **Swiss or EU COVID-19 certificate required (QR code in electronic or paper form)**
- All volunteers of the organization must have a COVID-19 certificate
- Persons entering the church must have a valid wristband or be able to present a valid COVID-19 certificate
- Control of the bracelet in order to enter the church
- Control of the COVID-19 certificate with identification to enter the Church for people without a bracelet

Protection plan category 3 (reception Hike&Bike public space Zermatt)

Reception only outside Zermatt of about 20 walkers and cyclists on Friday, September 24, 2021 in the late morning. Organization in collaboration with the OT of Zermatt.

- **Wearing a mask is recommended**
- **Respect the distance of 1.5m**
- Hand hygiene
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose or mouth with your hands
- Sneezing or coughing into the elbow
- Do not kiss or shake hands
- Registration on the "SwissCovid" application is highly recommended
- Only healthy people without symptoms are invited to participate
- Respect the rules of the municipality of Zermatt

Communication

The Organizing Committee of the Conference (OC) will forward this protection plan and the conditions of access to the Area Directors of District 30, who will inform the Presidents of the Zonta Clubs, who will pass on the information to their members registered for the Conference.

No exceptions will be allowed.

The protection plan shall also be translated into English and posted on the Conference website.

The protection plan may evolve according to future decisions and requirements of the Federal Council and/or of the Canton of Valais and in case of any updates to the legal basis. The protection plan was amended on September 13 following the implementation of the COVID-19 certificate requirement in enclosed spaces.

Responsibilities

All registered participants of the District 30 Conference in Zermatt respect the protection concept in a joint manner and with a high degree of individual responsibility.

The responsibility for the implementation and control of the prescribed measures lies with the Conference OC. A COVID-19 officer is appointed. Any illness or indisposition must be reported immediately to the COVID-19 Officer.

The operators of hotels and restaurants are responsible for the framework conditions and protection concepts for their guests and employees.

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