

## IFSC General Assembly COVID-19 Event Information Document

The XVIII IFSC General Assembly will be hosted in accordance with local and state guidelines regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures and other public health requirements in order to minimise the health risks for all attendees and the community.

The IFSC and USA Climbing are continuing to monitor the pandemic and make changes to this document as necessary. In the meantime the following information is provided to assist in your travel planning.

### **Prior to Travel:**

Follow all Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendation for limiting COVID-19 exposure for a minimum of 14 days prior to your arrival. This includes correct and consistent mask use, maintain at least 1 meter of distance from people that do not live with you, avoid crowds (including restaurants and social gatherings), avoid poorly ventilated spaces, practice proper hand sanitation and proper disinfection of shared surfaces and objects.

### **Travel Guidance:**

- USA Climbing is aware of limited capabilities of US Consulates around the world due to a variety of factors including the COVID-19 Pandemic. Certain countries qualify for the Visa Waiver Program. If you do not qualify, you should apply for a Visa immediately.
  - For more information on the Visa Waiver Program:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/tourism-visit/visa-waiver-program.html>
  - To request an invitation letter from USA Climbing, please email [GA2022@usacimbing.org](mailto:GA2022@usacimbing.org)
- You **must** be fully vaccinated to travel to the United States by plane if you are a non-U.S. citizen, non-U.S. immigrant (not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or traveling to the United States on an immigrant visa).
  - Only [limited exceptions apply](#) to the requirement to show proof of vaccination.
  - You are considered fully vaccinated:
    - 2 weeks (14 days) after your dose of an accepted single-dose vaccine
    - 2 weeks (14 days) after your second dose of an accepted 2-dose series
    - 2 weeks (14 days) after you received the full series of an accepted COVID-19 vaccine (not placebo) in a clinical trial
    - 2 weeks (14 days) after you received 2 doses of any “mix-and-match” combination of [accepted COVID-19 vaccines](#) administered at least 17 days apart\*
  - Accepted Vaccines:
    - Single Dose: Janssen/Johnson & Johnson
    - 2-Dose Series: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Covaxin, Covishield, BIBP/Sinopharm, Sinovac, Novavax/Covovax
  - Vaccine Requirements: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/proof-of-vaccination.html>
- You are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 when you travel to the United States by air.
  - Testing Requirements: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html>
- Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required in indoor areas of public transportation (including airplanes) traveling into, within, or out of the United States and indoors in U.S. transportation hubs (including airports).
  - Mask Requirements for U.S. Travel: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>

**Onsite Event Precautions:**

- USA Climbing is trying to secure daily onsite Antigen testing throughout the duration of the event. Local PCR testing will be available upon request, but will require travel off-site.
- Masks will be required at all times during the event. Facial masks shall cover the nose and mouth and extend below the chin. Acceptable masks for use during the event include: two-layer cloth masks, surgical masks, sport facial masks, and N95 and K94 masks.
- Hand sanitizer, hand-washing stations, and regular cleaning of common surfaces will be provided.
- Meeting spaces will be arranged to allow 1 to 2 meters of space between participants, based on in-person event attendance
- Illness while at the General Assembly:
  - In the case that a participant begins showing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (see below) that individual will need to be evaluated by the COVID-19 Coordinator for the event. When appropriate, the individual will be removed from the other participants, the need for further medical care/COVID-19 PCR testing will be assessed, and appropriate transmission mitigation and contact tracing procedures will be performed.

**After the Event:**

- Continue to limit your exposure per CDC and your local health department guidelines.
- Follow all guidelines of your local health department regarding post-travel COVID-19 testing and possible self-quarantine.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for a minimum of 14 days after you return home. If you become symptomatic, isolate, and seek testing and advice from your healthcare provider. Stay in isolation until you receive your test results and, if necessary, work with your local health department for contact tracing purposes.