



IDA 2021 International
Water Reuse and
Recycling Conference

COVID-19 Guidelines for participants

IDA's 2021 International Water Reuse and Recycling Conference

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Before entering the conference venue, all participants must have a negative COVID test.

- PCR tests are valid for 72 hours from the time of taking the sample.
- Antigen tests carried out by an authorized body are valid for 48 hours from the time of taking the sample.

Testing exemptions for persons vaccinated or recovered (the following applies if you have been vaccinated against Covid-19):

- The first vaccination is valid from the 22nd day for a maximum of three months, counted from the day of vaccination.
- The second vaccination (booster shot) extends this period for a further six months.
- If the vaccine you received requires no booster shot (e.g. Johnson & Johnson), the first vaccination is valid from the 22nd day after the vaccination for a total of nine months. Again, the nine months are counted from the day of vaccination.
- If you have recovered from Covid-19 and received your first vaccination, you do not have to test for nine months from the day of vaccination.
- If you have recovered from Covid-19, you do not have to test for the virus for six months from the end of the infection. You need your quarantine order or a medical certificate from your doctor to prove you have recovered from the infection. A positive test for antibodies neutralizing the virus is valid for three months from the date of testing.

Test results, official vaccination card or Green Pass will be checked at the entrance.

Participants may not attend the meeting if they show symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Body temperature will be checked to all persons requiring access to the Congress Center, using thermo-scanners installed at the entry point. Should a person's body temperature be 37.5°C or greater, access to the area will be denied to the person and he/she will be advised to contact the local health authorities



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By entering the conference venue, participants automatically declare as a condition of their entry that they:

- Have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- Have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- Have not had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- Have proof of a negative COVID-19 test, not older than 72 hours for a PCR Test and 48 hours for a Rapid Antigen Test (or they belong to the exempt categories for testing);
- Agree to assume any health risks related to their attendance;
- Are familiar with and will adhere to the provisions set out in the present “Guidance for in person participants.

COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES DURING THE CONFERENCE

The IDA, together with the team at the Roma Eventi conference venue, has prepared the following specific guidelines for participants attending all conference activities:

Delegates are requested to not attend the conference activities if they feel unwell. If symptoms and circumstances such as fever, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste indicate that they may be considered a suspected COVID-19 case, they are requested to inform IDA Conference organizers.

Delegates must wear facemasks at all times while in all conference rooms. Facemasks will be provided by the Conference organizers.

Delegates may decide to take off their face masks while making an intervention from the floor;

Delegates must keep a minimum distance of one meter to others at all times. They must not shake hands or engage in any other physical contact;

Delegates must follow the signs marking entry to and exit of the conference rooms, to allow for a one-way movement stream;

Delegates must avoid meeting in groups;

Measures to record in-person attendance:

In line with the requirements set by Italian authorities, the meeting organizers are required to keep a record of attendance.



Attendance records will be treated as confidential and will be kept for 14 days. They will only be shared with national health authorities should there be a need for contact tracing in association with a COVID-19 case.

Specific Hygiene Measures

All participants must adhere to physical distancing and general COVID-19 preventive measures, such as, washing hands and wearing a mask while indoors.

Additional hygienic measures have been taken as outlined below:

- Hand sanitizers are available in all common areas
- In addition to standard cleaning procedures, the venue has adopted additional sanitation measures against the covid virus with certified products and machinery.
- In the conference rooms chairs will be placed to guarantee at least 1 meter distance from each other. Speakers' desk and podium will be positioned so that speakers/moderators can take the floor without using surgical masks
- All devices at disposal of speakers, moderators or attendees (i.e. microphones, keyboards, mice, laser pointers, etc.) will be sanitized before being used.
- During coffee breaks, food and beverage will be served by the Catering Company personnel itself.
- At the end of each coffee break, spaces will be sanitized for the following service.
- Continuous sanitization of toilettes, common areas and surfaces.

Procedures in case of COVID-19 symptoms or infections:

If a participant has acute symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, loss of sense of smell or taste, during a conference or in the meeting room: participants are required to contact the IDA Conference organizers. A specific response protocol will be activated.

Should any of the participants be confirmed by health authorities to have COVID-19 or to have been placed in quarantine within 14 days of the meeting, the participant is requested to immediately inform the IDA conference organizers so that necessary contact tracing in association with a COVID-19 case may be carried out.

SOURCES FOR LOCAL MEASURES TO CONTAIN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All delegates are kindly requested to closely monitor and check the alerts on the COVID-19 situation in Italy, and specifically in the city of Rome. English-language guidance on current entry and exit requirements is maintained on the [Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website](#) and the [Italian Ministry of Health website](#).