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HEALTH INFORMATION NOTE

COVID-19 related information

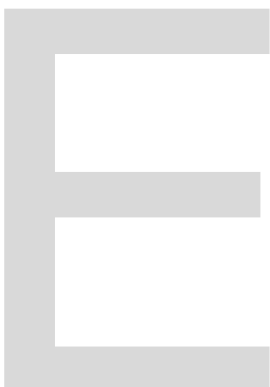
The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in close cooperation with the Parliament of Spain, will take all necessary measures for your **safety and a comfortable stay in Madrid** during the 143rd IPU Assembly. Comprehensive health and safety measures have therefore been put in place. **Participants are kindly asked to lend their support** to this joint endeavour and carefully observe the regulations detailed below.

Important reminder:

All delegates travelling to Madrid for the 143 IPU Assembly should ensure that they carry international health and travel insurance.

COVID-19 ENTRY AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS IN SPAIN

- **All persons attending the Assembly**, irrespective of vaccination status, are **strongly urged to undertake a PCR test prior to departure for Spain**.
- **Proof of a low epidemiological risk.** In accordance with [Spanish regulations](#), all passengers from a country/area that has a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus risk must present a certificate or document certifying vaccination against COVID-19 (EU-recognized vaccine) **or** a negative certificate of a Diagnostic Test of Active Infection **or** a certificate of Recovery after having contracted COVID-19 in order to enter the country. As national regulations may change, it is the responsibility of each delegate to carefully review the official Spanish website in advance of travel.
- **All persons entering Spain from other countries**, including international transits, regardless of their nationality, age or any other consideration, **must complete the Health Control Form and obtain a QR code** to present at boarding and health controls on arrival in Spain. You can fill out the health control form and obtain your QR Code from the following website: <https://spth.gob.es/create>.



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RULES AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- **To access the Assembly venue, it is mandatory to undergo a rapid antigen COVID-19 test** (valid for 48 hours), which will be provided free of charge at the Novotel Hotel located opposite the Palacio Municipal.
- **All delegates should repeat the test every 48 hours.**
- **Social distancing must be strictly observed in all meeting rooms during the Assembly.** When taking the floor, delegates are invited to do so from their seats.
- **It is mandatory to wear a face mask (covering nose and mouth)** at all times (only exceptions: when eating or drinking) on the Assembly premises, as well as on public transport and in stations and other enclosed public spaces.
- Proof of vaccination, COVID-19 recovery or tests performed at any other testing sites will **not be accepted** for admission to the conference centre.
- To avoid waiting times and allow a smooth start to the conferences, **participants are invited to take the test on the day before their meetings start.** There will be a priority lane for Speakers of Parliaments.
- Upon testing negative for the Antigen test, you will receive a colour-coded sticker on your Assembly ID badge reflecting the date of the test.
- If a **test result is positive**, the medical team will immediately take all necessary precautionary measures and ensure a prompt verification of the test. If the positive result is confirmed, **the current Spanish health protocol will be implemented.** According to current measures, the duration of quarantine would be 10 days. **Please ensure that your health and travel insurance covers costs for a potential COVID-19 infection, treatment and quarantine accommodation.**

ACCESSING THE ASSEMBLY VENUE AND COVID-19 TESTING SITE

Take **shuttle from Assembly hotel to the IPU Registration service** (Salón Blanco, [Pullman hotel](#), opposite the Palacio Municipal,). In order to board the shuttle bus, the national security officers will ask for the Assembly badge or a **photo ID**.

After reaching the Pullman hotel, kindly go to the **Registration service** to collect your delegations' Assembly badges.

Thereafter, proceed towards the Novotel hotel (next door to the Pullman) and the **Covid-19 testing site** (Sala Calathea) with your Assembly badge:

- Register for the test and wait in the dedicated waiting room for your call. (IPU Secretariat has provided basic information from the online registration system to speed up the process)
- The testing procedure will last till 3 to 5 minutes and another 15 minutes in a dedicated waiting room for the declaration of results.
- There will be twenty-four testing stations including one **lane dedicated for the Speakers of Parliament / parliamentary Heads of delegation**
- Each waiting room will have a test result counter.
- Upon testing negative for the antigen test, you will receive a colour-coded sticker on your Assembly ID badge reflecting the date of the test.

Exit the Novotel, cross the street and proceed towards the [Palacio Municipal](#) (Assembly venue).

TESTING CENTRE FOR COVID-19: NOVOTEL MADRID CAMPO DE LAS NACIONES

For registered participants only

Address of the testing station: Novotel hotel, Campo de las Naciones, C. de Ámsterdam, N°3, 28042 Madrid, Spain

Room name: Sala Calathea

Google Maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/XqDvwwjjkzAMAFBV9>



TESTING CENTRE OPENING HOURS:

24.11.2021*	11:00-17:00
25.11.2021	08:00-18:00
26.11.2021	07:00-18:00
27.11.2021	07:00-18:00
28.11.2021	08:00-17:00
29.11.2021	08:00-17:00

The tests at our testing site will be **antigen tests** (nasal or throat swab). The antigen test results will take about 15 minutes and be valid for 48 hours.

* We urgently call upon all members of delegations to **use the testing facilities on the day before their meetings start** to avoid bottlenecks and waiting time. You are requested to carry a photo ID with you.

Please note that the testing centre will **not** carry out PCR tests (these will only be done in exceptional situations, in the event of a positive antigen test). If delegates require a PCR test for travel back to their country, they are encouraged to seek support from their diplomatic mission or the hotel where they are staying, with a view to identifying the closest testing centre (costs will not be covered by the Assembly organizers).

ALWAYS KEEP THESE 6 KEY POINTS IN MIND



1 Mask
(use covering nose, mouth, and chin)



2 Meters
(at least 1.5m between people)



3 Hands
(frequent hand washing)



4 Fewer contacts
and in a stable bubble



5 More ventilation,
outdoor activities,
and opened windows



I stay at home if I have symptoms or I have been diagnosed with COVID, if I am a close contact of a positive case, or awaiting for test results

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Please refer to official sources for information:
www.mscbs.gob.es
[@sanidadgob](https://twitter.com/sanidadgob)



FAQs regarding coronavirus and other relevant information can also be found on the [Spain Travel Health Portal website](#) but do note that the information therein **may change due to the development of the pandemic**. All delegates are expected to observe the **IFEMA COVID regulations** on [COVID-19 safety protocols](#) and the [Organiser regulations and support](#).