

**REGIONAL
GROWTH
CONFERENCE**

Health and Safety Guide

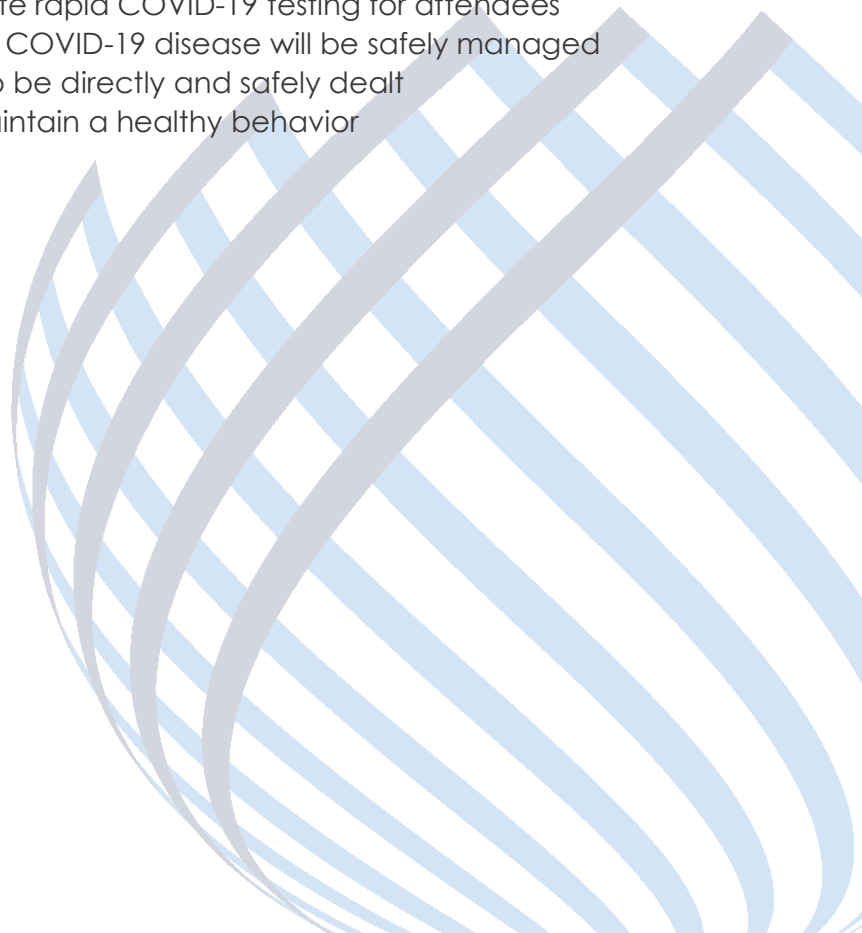
for the Regional Growth Conference

June 3-5, 2021 in Patras, Greece

The **Regional Growth Conference** remains in compliance with all measures required by the Greek health authorities and has activated a prevention and management plan, ensuring that all on-site attendees are provided with the highest level of health and safety provisions.

Important Points

- The Conference ensures a healthy environment for safe attendance
- The Conference will implement on-site rapid COVID-19 testing for attendees
- People with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 disease will be safely managed
- Health or other emergencies will also be directly and safely dealt
- All attendees are kindly asked to maintain a healthy behavior



Prevention and General Precautions during Regional Growth Conference

Kindly note that the following health and safety principles apply to ALL

1. Healthy Behaviors to reduce COVID-19 spread

- **Stay home when appropriate**, either if you have been tested positive for COVID-19 or if you are still waiting for your COVID-19 results or you develop COVID-19 symptoms or you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Arrive at Achaia Clauss at least 40 minutes** prior to the time of your scheduled engagement. This will ensure compliance with social distancing and will also give you the time to get a COVID-19 test if needed.
- **Keep physical distancing by staying at least 1,5 meters** away from other people, either attendees or staff, and by avoiding greeting others with physical contact (for example, handshakes).
- **Wear a mask** that fits completely over your nose and mouth. While on-hand masks will be provided by staff, you are advised to make sure that you bring your own mask, especially when arriving onsite. Please note that if you have a speech to deliver, you will be allowed to take your mask off and use another one right after your speech is over. Mask use compliance will be monitored and ensured by staff for your safety.
- **Apply Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette** by frequently washing your hands, using a hands sanitizer and cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. Supplies adequacy will be ensured by staff.

2. Healthy Environment Maintenance

- **All venue areas will be cleaned and disinfected** before the event and an increased cleaning schedule will be applied by staff for your safety. All commonly touched areas will be cleaned and disinfected from one user to another.
- **A fever detection protocol** will be applied, ensuring that all attendees are free of fever.
- **A Safely Serving Food and Beverages Procedure** is in place, ensure that all preventive measures will be applied during serving.

3. COVID-19 Testing

- The 6th Health Region Peloponnese, Ionian Islands, Epirus & Western Greece will provide free COVID-19 rapid tests will be available at a specially set-up facility outside the Achaia Clauss throughout the duration of the event.
- **Take a test in advance**, either a rapid-test or a PCR test, within 72 hours prior to your attendance. A positive result shall mean that you should stay home and receive medical care as needed. A negative result shall allow your attendance, given that all Healthy Behaviors to reduce COVID-19 spread are applied.
- **Take a test on-site**. Rapid-testing will be delivered and as described above, the result will determine your attendance safe pass. Kindly note that if you have already been tested in advance and you have a negative result, you will not be requested to take an on-site rapid-test.
- **Presenting proof of vaccination** is an acceptable alternative to a negative test result.

4. Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Case Management

- In case an attendee develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive COVID-19 rapid-test result, Regional Growth Conference will apply a procedure, according to national rules, in order to ensure public health and manage the case privately and respectfully.
- **A COVID-19 rapid test** will be delivered to an attendee presenting with fever or any other COVID-19 symptom.
- **Medical help** will be available on-site in case a suspected or confirmed case needs medical care by the 6th Health Region Peloponnese, Ionian Islands, Epirus & Western Greece
- **Safe and quick departure is a priority** in case of a COVID-19 case.

• **Medical & Other Emergencies Management**

- **Any medical emergency** will be safely and efficiently managed by the Hellenic Red Cross services in Patra. Rescue staff will provide pre-hospital care, first aid stabilization or ambulance transportation if needed.

