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General Information:

- Only athletes, athletic trainers and cleaning staff are allowed to enter the play field of the Athletic Center.
- The allowed number of spectators per athletic event at the indoor area of the Athletic Center is ninety (90), equal to 50% of its total capacity approved by the Stadium Licensing Authority of Cyprus.
- A time gap of at least 20 minutes will be kept between each athletic event, either a game or practice, for safe turnover and cleaning of the premises.
- The security personnel and the Cleaning Department will be aware of the time schedule of all the athletic events for better controlling.
- In case an athlete feels sick or has COVID-19-related symptoms, he/she has to proceed to have a COVID test preventively before visiting the premises. The test result should be sent to the HSE & Security office by email (m.mavrou@euc.ac.cy) before entering the Athletic Center for practicing or attending a game. Persons with symptoms are encouraged to avoid any sports or physical activity for the duration of their symptoms.
- In case an athlete is ready to return in full action after their recovery from the COVID-19, he/she needs to be examined by a cardiologist.

A. Access:

Athletes, athletic trainers, cleaning staff and spectators may enter the Athletic Center only if they fulfil at least one of the 3 below criteria:

1. All **unvaccinated** individuals (administrative and faculty members, students, visitors, etc) before entering the predefined entrance points should present at least a negative rapid test for COVID-19 and their Identity Card to authorized personnel. The test should be done within 72 hours before the day of their visit. **No records will be kept.**
2. Persons who have certification proving that they have been infected with COVID-19 during the last **six** months (e.g., EU Digital COVID Certificate or letter from a healthcare provider /‘Documentation of Recovery’).

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- All **vaccinated** individuals (administrative and faculty members, students, and visitors) before entering the predefined entrance points, should present to authorized personnel a Valid Vaccination Certificate*** or their EU Digital COVID Certificate****.

Important note: Individuals belonging to categories 2 and 3 above, are required to present **a negative rapid test every two weeks** for prevention purposes. **No records will be kept.**

In addition:



- All athletes, athletic trainers, cleaning staff and spectators can access the Athletic Center only through its main entrance.
- Appropriate containers with hand antiseptic are available for hand disinfection at the entrance of the Athletic Center.
- Athletic trainers, athletes and cleaning staff members should wear their own masks indoor and outdoor the EUC premises and Athletic Center. Use of masks is mandatory in all closed public and crowded spaces for all persons aged 12 or older. Use of surgical masks instead of cloth masks is encouraged.
- Overcrowding at the entrance/exit point of the Athletic Center should be avoided.
- Appropriate signs related to the COVID-19 are posted at the entrance.

B. Indoor area of the Athletic Center:

- Masks are mandatory for athletic trainers while being anywhere inside the Athletic Center. Correct size should be chosen for everyone for better fitting. Athletes are allowed to practice or attend a game without use of mask.
- Masks and gloves are mandatory for the cleaners on duty while being at the indoor area of the Athletic Center. Correct size should be chosen for everyone for better fitting.
- Handshakes and hugs are not allowed.
- Adequate number of windows around the playground will be open an hour before and during the games or the athletes' practice.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring their own water/drink and avoid sharing.
- No food is allowed.
- Only bottled water and drinks are allowed.

EUC Crisis Management Team is monitoring the situation very closely, always taking into consideration official announcements by the Cyprus government and in consultation with Galileo Global Education and will update this guide with any additional measures or actions accordingly.



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8. Disinfection of all athletic instruments and balls will be applied according to the measures announced by the Ministry of Health, before and after every use, under the responsibility of the Cleaning Department.
9. An adequate number of balls should be available for groups of athletes, which are practicing with balls for frequent rotation purposes.
10. Different spaces with appropriate signage may be defined for separating used and cleaned balls, if possible.
11. All used sports clothing should be placed temporarily in a separate plastic bag with care. They should be washed at 60 – 90 °C and appropriate drying should follow. Every athlete should use only his/her own clothes.
12. Athletic trainers should keep the number of athletes constant, in order to achieve the lowest possible number of athletes sharing the same space.
13. Sharing of pens, pencils, papers, and other stationery or personal materials between the athletic trainers is forbidden.
14. Appropriate containers with hand antiseptic for hand disinfection are available at visible points in the practicing area.

C. Use of toilets and changing rooms:

1. The toilets are equipped with the appropriate consumables under the responsibility of the Cleaning Department (water, soap, and antiseptic liquids) for disinfection of hands. One person should visit the toilet each time.
2. Before using the toilet, perform hand hygiene with hand antiseptic.
3. Avoid crowding when using the toilet – only one person at a time should enter.
4. Perform hand washing with water & soap for at least 20 seconds right before and after use of the toilet.
5. For hand drying, prefer use of single-use paper towels.
6. Keep lid closed when flushing to avoid spread of droplets.
7. Keep toilet adequately ventilated.
8. Athletes should use their own face/body towel.
9. Adequate and well-maintained ventilation systems will be operating in the toilets and the changing rooms.

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D. Leaving the Athletic Center:

1. Everybody is encouraged to keep wearing their own mask until they exit the premises of the Athletic Center.
2. There is a closed bin with pedal placed outside of every entrance/exit point for safe disposal of any used protective equipment (masks, gloves etc.).
3. The health professionals from First Aid and Medical Station will be available periodically at all the entrance/exit points for demonstration and guidance on how to remove personal protective equipment safely.

E. Emergency:

1. In case of a suspicious or a positive case, the emergency action plan will be applied by the nursing staff of the First Aid and Medical office.
2. If a person has COVID-related symptoms when arriving at any of the defined entrance/exit points of the premises, the nursing staff of the First Aid and Medical office is properly prepared and adequately equipped to act accordingly in close communication with HSE & Security office.

Notes:

- ✓ The cleaning staff disinfects all surfaces frequently, especially the study spaces, the reception desk, and the toilets, to maintain public health and safety.
- ✓ The nursing staff and the security personnel will be on duty for ensuring compliance with the measures required by the current safety protocol.
- ✓ The TV screens operating in the premises display important information regarding COVID – 19 such as symptoms, protective measures, and correct method of washing hands.
- ✓ There are guidelines for proper handwashing in the toilets and at the defined entrance/exit points of the buildings.