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Policy for Sessions in the Covid-19 Pandemic

With background to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is vital that the sessions are adapted to face the risks posed to the participants. The National Board of EYP¹ Sweden has conducted a risk assessment in relation to each element of the traditional session programme, and considered which measures may be applicable to mitigate the recognised risks.

EYP Sweden places the health and safety of all its participants in primary focus and will aim to take every necessary and recommendable step in ensuring that participation at EYP Sweden's sessions is safe and an enjoyable experience. This is of utmost importance to the National Committee; and this policy serves to create the framework under which the National Board, Head Organisers/Project Managers, organisers and participants at large are expected to align.

The policy is subject to potentially being altered at short notice and on a frequent basis depending on updates provided by Folkhälsomyndigheten (Public Health Agency of Sweden) on recommendations; and decisions made by the government in Sweden. Any update to the Policy will be decided upon by the National Board of EYP Sweden and communicated to relevant parties no later than 48 hours after the update has been decided upon and executed in protocol.

Opening Remarks

- EYP Sweden respects and follows the recommendations of Folkhälsomyndigheten.
- EYP Sweden requires that **all participants have and are willing to show proof of vaccination against Covid-19 at their arrival to the session in order to be granted the right to participate. Delegates should be vaccinated with at least two (2) doses of an EU-approved vaccination against Covid-19. Schools should take this into account when selecting delegates.**
- EYP Sweden requires **all participants, despite vaccination status, to provide proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR- or antigen-test taken no earlier than 72 hours prior to the start of the session.** In the case that a participant has taken a PCR test, they are expected to provide proof of the digital results. In the case that a participant has taken an antigen test that has not resulted in any digital test result, the participant is expected to provide a picture of the finalised test showing its result with a digital device next to it indicating the time and date the test and picture were taken.
- Planning and executing sessions in the Covid-19 pandemic will provide for greater challenges to all contributing parties, in order to ensure that the health and safety of the participants is protected

¹ The respective Presidents/leadership and Head Organiser(s)/Project Manager(s) of the 2020 Regional Sessions, 2021 Regional Sessions and 2022 National Session of EYP Sweden has also been offered an opportunity to provide input on the Policy before the National Board decided upon its implementation.



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- Basic hand-hygiene routines² should be presented at the start of each session (once by the National Board at registration for officials, once again by the National Board at the opening ceremony for delegates, and once again by the chair in each committee), in order to remind the participants of the importance of regularly washing or sanitising their hands in an effective manner.
- Participants are expected to be free of symptoms at least 48 hours prior to the start of a session, and should take their own personal responsibility in ensuring this.
- Participants that experience COVID-19 symptoms before, during and after the session or test positive for COVID-19 during or after the session are expected to inform the Event Safe Person and National Board Member present at the event.
- The National Board of EYP Sweden is responsible for the implementation of this policy and shall communicate any expectations existing on any other session participant. Therefore, team leaders are to be informed both of the direct expectations on them and the indirect expectations on them, i.e. to in turn inform their team subordinates of their respective expectations.

General restrictions and recommendations to minimize the mitigation of Covid-19

- Hand sanitizer is made available by the organising team for the duration of the session. Participants are encouraged/reminded frequently by the “team leader” (e.g. chair in committee room) to apply it to their hands.
- Hand sanitizer should be present throughout the venues, at the departure and arrival of new venues and in the individual accommodation rooms.
- Representatives of the National Board of EYP Sweden present a summary of the Policy for Sessions in the Covid-19 Pandemic and basic hand-hygiene routines during CJMO-day as well as Opening Ceremony.
- Representatives of the National Board and Members of the Session Leadership make clear to all participants that handshakes, hugs and other unnecessary physical contact is discouraged during the session.
- Windows and doors, if possible, should be open in order to improve ventilation.
- Material should not be shared between participants, committees and teams.

Registration for Delegates

- Each region which the school or wildcard delegate derives from is given a time slot for registration, in order to ensure that only a few schools are registering at the same time. Late arrival for registration leads to the school/wildcard delegate having to wait outside the registration venue, last in line.
- After registering, each participant is asked to leave the registration area and either go directly to the opening ceremony, spend time in the general waiting area or spend time in the city (depending on the schedule of the session and each delegation’s allotted time for entering the Opening Ceremony).

² Basic hand hygiene routines refer to the process of applying hand sanitizer to the hands in the most effective way and guidance on how to wash the hands (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds), as well as highlighting the importance of doing this frequently. Demonstrations of the routines are expected to be based on the following: <https://www.1177.se/liv--halsa/sunda-vanor/sa-har-tvattar-du-handerna/>.



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Opening Ceremony, Euroconcert, General Assembly & Closing Ceremony

- Hand sanitizer particularly available for the Session Board and speakers, which they are expected to use before and after touching a microphone.
- No microphones are to be used that are attached to the face/head.
- Specific Mitigation Measures for the Euroconcert: In case participants share instruments in performances at the EuroConcert, each participant must apply hand sanitizer to their hands before and after using the instrument. As far as possible, participants should bring their own instrument.
- Specific Mitigation Measures for the General Assembly: Organisers are expected to wear plastic gloves and apply sanitizer to or wipe down the microphones moving between delegates in rounds of open debate, and when otherwise applicable.
- Specific Mitigation Measures for the Closing Ceremony:
 - The traditional “Imagine” song can be played as long as everyone stays seated or is held outside. Gathering in a circle is not allowed inside.

Committee Teambuilding

- Team Building activities involving significant physical contact, and that would be considered negligent and irresponsible to lead in the current circumstances, are discouraged. The Session President of each session is responsible for controlling and approving each chairs’ committee team building plan before the session. Examples of disallowed team building activities are, but not limited to:
 - Passing the orange
 - Human knot
 - Blindfolded games
 - Coin game
- The Session President of each session is encouraged by the National Board of EYP Sweden to identify new team building activities in which physical contact is not necessary.
- Chairs of the Sessions should be encouraged by the Session President to identify and lead activities outdoors, to the furthest extent possible when the weather permits.

Evening Activities

- The Committee on the National Selection Process is duty-bound to discuss and approve ideas for evening activities with the Head Organiser(s)/Project Manager(s) of each session, no later than 1 months before the start of the session. Reciprocal arrangements apply for the Committee on the National Selection Process in relation to the National Sessions.

Media Projects

- Media Teams are expected to avoid projects which imply physical contact or close physical proximity between participants.
- Media Teams are duty-bound to sanitize any surfaces, e.g. on electronic devices (with extra care) and microphones, that a plural number of participants come into contact with in the course of participating in a media project.



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Resolution Typing

- Food and snacks are to be individually divided up by the organising team and allocated to each member of the chairs team, before the start of resolution typing.

Serving of Food (breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks)

- Organisers are expected to serve all foods with plastic gloves and wear CE-marked medical masks, and participants are not allowed to come into contact with any of the food containers.
- Participants are recommended to maintain distance to each other when queuing.
- Food and snacks should be divided up between participants by the organising team and/or preferably encased.

Prohibited Session Elements

- **General Teambuilding inside**
- **Eurovillage with food served by delegations**
- **Session Picture inside**

Covid-19 Symptoms During a Session

Should a participant develop respiratory symptoms³, or other symptoms⁴ which are identifiable with Covid-19, the participant is expected to self-isolate and avoid social contacts. Below follows a few scenarios which serve to guide the National Board of EYP Sweden in giving the appropriate advice, in case a participant develops symptoms during a session.

In every scenario, the National Board of EYP Sweden is to be informed of any participants' symptoms, or worry over potential symptoms, as soon as possible; and advise upon appropriate steps forward. In case a delegate is symptomatic, the National Board of EYP Sweden is responsible for contacting the delegate's teacher (if they are part of a school delegation), who in turn is responsible for contacting the delegate's legal guardian(s). If the delegate is not a part of a delegation, the National Board is responsible for contacting the delegate's emergency contact.

Scenario 1: The participant is currently in Opening Ceremony/Committee

Team building/Committee Work/Evening Activity/General Assembly/Closing Ceremony when starting to experience respiratory symptoms, or other symptoms which are identifiable with Covid-19. In this scenario, if the participant is a delegate, they are expected to inform the member of the officials team who is closest in distance. The member of the officials team is then in turn expected to call a representative of the National Board of EYP Sweden (who is in attendance at the session) who takes appropriate measures in relation to the specific circumstances. These measures may include asking the delegate to seek isolation and social distance from other participants, and

³ Respiratory symptoms include (not exhaustively): a new and persistent cough, difficulties breathing, coryzal and nasal congestion.

⁴ Other symptoms may include (not exhaustively): loss of smell and/or taste, fever and diarrhea.



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asking them to call 1177 (Vårdguiden) in the pursuit of being advised on subsequent steps. The advice on subsequent steps is then expected to be shared, by the participant, to the National Board of EYP Sweden. If the unwell participant is a member of the officials team, they are expected to directly inform the National Board of EYP Sweden of their symptoms.

Scenario 2: The participant is currently sleeping/waking up at the accommodation provided by the session when starting to experience respiratory symptoms, or other symptoms which are identifiable with Covid-19. In this scenario, the participant is expected to inform the other participants sleeping/waking up in the same room and ask them all to stay in the room for the time being. The participant is then expected to inform the National Board of EYP Sweden of the situation and await further consultation. The participant is then expected to call 1177 (Vårdguiden) for advice on what steps to take, and subsequently share that advice with the National Board of EYP Sweden.

Scenario 3: The participant is currently sleeping/waking up at home (where they are sleeping for the duration of the session as well) when starting to experience respiratory symptoms, or other symptoms which are identifiable with Covid-19. In this scenario, the participant is expected to stay at home and inform the National Board of EYP Sweden that they will not be able to return to the session

All officials informing the National Board of EYP Sweden of symptoms, either that they have or that a delegate has, should do so via telephone on numbers provided in the beginning of the session. The same rule applies to delegates informing the National Board of EYP Sweden directly. A participant experiencing symptoms, or who has been in close contact with a participant who has experienced symptoms, should not physically go looking for a member of the National Board (or any other participant).

It must be noted that the preceding scenarios and action threads are subject to flexibility and adaptation to the circumstances in each individual case. They merely serve as guidance; and representatives of the National Board of EYP Sweden at each session are expected to advise with the President- or Vice President of EYP Sweden if they are unsure of what steps to apply. In case a participant is experiencing life-threatening symptoms, the expectation is to call the emergency services' number on 112.

EYP Sweden is not economically or legally responsible for the situation of participants contracting Covid-19 during or after the session. EYP Sweden will aid in making any necessary arrangements to the possible extent. EYP Sweden will not cover any expenses if a participant tests positive, whether that be costs of private testing, accommodation during isolation or any travel related expenses.