

The President

For the attention of:

**Organisers of events on the
UCI International calendar**

Sent by email only

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Dear Sirs / Madams,

I write to you today in the light of the outbreak of pneumonia (Covid-19) linked to the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that is affecting part of the world's population, including the cycling family.

To deal with this uncommon health crisis, the UCI has established a list of principles to be adopted in cycling, across all the sport's disciplines.

The UCI recalls that any decision taken aims to reduce the risk of infection for athletes, team staff, the public and any other person involved in cycling and to prevent cycling from contributing to the spread of the coronavirus throughout the world.

First of all, the decision has been taken by the UCI not to proceed with the cancellation of any events at this stage.

Any possible decision to cancel will be taken by the health authorities in the concerned regions depending on the evolution of the local situation and different risk factors identified. All members of the cycling family will be obliged to comply to any such decision.

For the competitions still taking place, it has been decided that each organiser must take a certain number of measures with the aim of limiting to a maximum the risk of the coronavirus spreading further. These include:

- increasing the distance between the public and athletes in relevant zones, which can vary according to the nature of each discipline;
- respecting a strict medical protocol, variable depending on the country, but in any case including a process for dealing with suspected cases and the provision of a detailed map of establishments capable of carrying out diagnostic tests for the coronavirus;

- limiting the number of teams staying in each hotel;
- respecting certain hygiene measures at different ceremonies, to avoid all physical contact (handshakes for example).

Further details will be provided by our Medical Director, Prof. Xavier Bigard (xavier.bigard@uci.ch).

Furthermore, should organisers be led, by decision of their authorities, to refuse certain teams or athletes, we would be grateful if you could inform the UCI directly.

It is also possible that certain teams may be unable to take part in a competition on the basis of valid reasons, which the UCI will have validated after having been informed. We would then take the necessary steps, on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that no team is penalised, either financially or, if applicable, when its sporting results are taken into account for its evaluation.

It is extremely important that each team can inform us of any particular situation.

On our side, we would like to inform you that we are in permanent contact with all the stakeholders in order to quickly take the necessary decisions according to the evolution of the context linked to this virus.

If you have any questions, please contact the UCI (via its Sports Department - sportsdepartment@uci.ch). You can count on us to communicate with you as often as necessary and we will ensure that you receive a prompt response.

I thank you for your input and remind you how important it is for us all to be united in the current context.

Best regards,



David Lappartient
President