

**Covid-19 outbreak:  
Information for meeting  
participants**

**Info**  
**Outbreak**

**WIPO is working closely with the Swiss Authorities and sister UN agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of meeting participants and WIPO personnel. WIPO has taken necessary measures to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and is implementing all recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Swiss Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH).**

## Special hygiene measures taken by WIPO

- Frequent cleaning and sanitization.
- Special attention in the preparation of meals in all WIPO cafeterias.
- Extensive availability of hand sanitizers throughout the buildings.

## Prevention and personal precautions

- Clean hands frequently with soap and water (40-60 seconds) or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (20-30 seconds).
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth if your hands are not thoroughly washed or sanitized.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.
- Follow local instructions and recommendations.

## If you become unwell during a meeting

- Avoid contact with others by isolating yourself immediately.
- Keep a distance of at least 2 meters (6 feet) from other individuals.
- Ask to be accompanied to the WIPO Medical Unit which is located in GBII – organizers or security guards can guide you to the Medical Unit.

## If you become unwell outside conference hours or any other medical emergency

- Avoid contact with others including public places.
- Stay at home or in your accommodation if you become unwell, develop a fever or respiratory symptoms.
- Do not come to the meeting or onto WIPO premises.
- Inform the meeting organizer and/ or the WIPO Medical Unit (+41 22 338 91 28 / +41 22 338 78 05), which will liaise with the Swiss Authorities.
- The Swiss Federal Office of Public Health has a dedicated 24-hour hotline : (+41 58 463 00 00), which provides instructions and medical advice.

WIPO Medical personnel are in constant communication with WHO and the Swiss Health authorities to manage any possible medical situation and answer questions you may have about COVID-19.

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