Health and safety

The World Economic Forum attaches the highest priority to protecting the safety and well-being of participants, staff and the local community. To create a safe environment at the Annual Meeting 2023, the Forum is working with the world’s leading health experts and virologists, as well as Switzerland’s public authorities, to respond to the evolving global health situation. The Forum continues to monitor the development of the COVID-19 pandemic and consult with health experts and authorities, and will adapt, if needed, the measures accordingly.

The Forum strongly recommends that participants are vaccinated with the latest available vaccines and take a COVID-19 test before travelling to Davos.

Participants are required to get tested in one of the Forum testing centres after arriving in Davos and picking up their badge. Conducting a test will keep the badge active and grant the access to the Annual Meeting’s venues. Failing to conduct an onsite test or a positive test result will lead to the badge being deactivated.

Masks and disinfectants will be available throughout the Annual Meeting 2023 at all meeting venues. Additionally, COVID-19 self-tests will be at participants’ disposal at the Forum testing centres and Registration Centre.

1. After 15 December 2022: Update your contact details for onsite testing to the Forum’s health portal*
2. Download the TopLink app and update your profile to see your badge status
3. Day of arrival in Davos: Pick up your badge at registration
4. Onsite testing: Take a free COVID-19 test at one of the Forum’s testing centres in Davos, Please see a map of the Forum testing centres here, (If you fail to conduct a test, your badge will automatically be deactivated).
5. Protect your health during the Annual Meeting 2023
6. Return home: Organize a pre-departure test if needed

* An email from the Forum will be sent with instructions on how to update your contact details.
Before travelling to Davos

Participants with access to the Annual Meeting’s venues are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with the latest available vaccines and to take a COVID-19 test before travelling to Davos.

After 15 December, every participant will receive a unique link from health-safety@weforum.org with instructions on how to access the Forum’s health portal to update contact details for onsite testing.

Currently, there is no special requirement for entering Switzerland. However, all participants are encouraged to consult the Swiss government’s official Travel Check Tool to verify the latest requirements published from the Swiss Office of Public Health.

Arrival in Davos

Pick up your badge

Once in Davos, participants must pick up their Annual Meeting badge (required to access the meeting’s venues) at the Registration Centre. Only those who have collected their badge will be eligible to take a test at one of the Forum testing centres.

Onsite testing

Participants must show their Annual Meeting badge to take a test at a Forum testing centre. Badge holders with access to the exclusivity zone are eligible to take a test at one of the Forum testing centres.

Participants will be tested with a PCR test. Test results are processed within 24 hours and emailed directly to the participant through the contact details provided on the health portal. The test and its results are automatically connected to the participant’s badge and do not require any further follow-up action from participants.

Tests administered outside the official testing centres provided by the Forum are not eligible to activate the badge. Participants who recently contracted COVID-19 are required to take an onsite test in compliance with the protocol which was developed by the Forum and its provider for such cases.

Badge pick-up on or before Monday 16 January

Participants retrieving their badges in Davos by Monday 16 January are required to take an onsite COVID-19 test at any of the Forum testing centres no later than 21.00 on Tuesday 17 January to clear the badge and grant access to the Annual Meeting’s venues.

If the test is not taken before 21.00 on Tuesday 17 January, the participant’s badge will be deactivated and will no longer allow access to Annual Meeting’s venues. The badge will be re-activated when the participant takes a test at a Forum testing centre.

Badge pick-up after Monday 16 January

Participants getting their badges after Monday 16 January are required to take an onsite COVID-19 test at any of the Forum testing centres within 24 hours of picking up their badge at the Registration Centre to clear the badge and grant access to the Annual Meeting’s venues.

If the test is not taken within 24 hours, the participant’s badge will be deactivated and will no longer allow access to meeting’s venues. The badge will be re-activated when the participant takes a test at a Forum testing centre.

Test results

Participants will be informed about the result of their COVID-19 test by email and text message within 24 hours via the contact details provided in the health portal. For privacy reasons, test results are not displayed in the body of the email, but will appear on the certificate that can be retrieved through a unique link sent via email or text message. By using the provided link and the date of birth (Format YYYY-MM-DD) participants will be able to download their certificate. For participants with positive test results, a certificate stating a positive result will be issued.

Positive COVID-19 results

In the case a participant contracts COVID-19, the participant’s badge will be deactivated and will no longer be granted access to the meeting venues.

To request support, participants can contact the COVID-19 hotline provided in the email with the positive result. The Forum’s Health Measures team can also be contacted by email at health-safety@weforum.org.
Hotels (AlpenGold, Seehof) Registration The Loft Zurich Airport Test Centre). Davos and Zurich for a fee (e.g. Davos Hospital or private locations will provide PCR and antigen tests in For participants who require a test to return home, several departure from Davos Forum-provided official transport. at all times. Participants are not required to wear masks on On Forum-provided official transport, all drivers will wear masks at your convenience. Participants are encouraged to recycle their used masks in designated bins. and at Forum testing centres, at your convenience. Participants are provided and are easily available throughout the meeting’s venues, on Forum-provided transport and at Forum testing centres, at your convenience. Participants are encouraged to recycle their used masks in designated bins. for advice and support. If you feel unwell or show any symptoms of COVID-19, please take a rapid antigen self-test. If the test is positive, contact the COVID-19 hotline to discuss the next steps. A dedicated COVID-19 hotline is available for advice and support. If you feel unwell or show any symptoms of COVID-19, please take a rapid antigen self-test. If the test is positive, contact the COVID-19 hotline to discuss the next steps. Ventilation and disinfection Inside the Annual Meeting’s venues, areas will be cleaned, disinfected and ventilated several times a day. Additional state-of-the-art ventilation systems have been installed in areas with restricted air circulation. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be widely available throughout the meeting venues. on Forum-provided official transport. For participants who require a test to return home, several private locations will provide PCR and antigen tests in Davos and Zurich for a fee (e.g. Davos Hospital or Zurich Airport Test Centre). Participants with access to the Annual Meeting’s exclusivity zone are also welcomed to use the Forum testing centres for their pre-departure test free of charge. PCR test results may take up to 24 hours.