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*Basic information*

*Purpose of this document*

COVID-19 protocol for the Lotto Belgium Tour 2021

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22/06/2021: Chimay

23/06/2021: Blankenberge – Brugge

24/06/2021: Galmaarden - Galmaarden

25/06/2021: Geraardsbergen - Geraardsbergen

## COVID-19 SITUATION

### Latest update COVID-19 in Belgium

On the website of the organization [www.lottobelgiumtour.be](http://www.lottobelgiumtour.be) under the tab COVID you can find the latest epidemiological report on the current situation in Belgium.

One week before the start of the race the teams will receive the latest update to be able to estimate the situation in Belgium.

In attachment to this protocol we have added the situation on the date of sending you this protocol. We will follow the situation daily with our authorities.

Additional Information for health specialists can be found on the website of [www.scienscano.be](http://www.scienscano.be)

### Start and finish locations

The situation on the local level can be found on:

<https://datastudio.google.com/embed/reporting/c14a5cfc-cab7-4812-848c-0369173148ab/page/giyUB>

Entering the locations in the municipality tab you can see the latest update in

- Chimay
- Blankenberge
- Brugge
- Galmaarden
- Geraardsbergen

## General rules

### Regulations

The LOTTO BELGIUM TOUR is organized in accordance to the local, national and UCI regulations/measures regarding COVID-19.

### Event Risk Matrix

The organization received a GREEN CARD in the COVID EVENT RISK MATRIX.

### Belgian COVID Measures

- Respect the hygiene rules
- Take your activities outside
- Think about vulnerable people
- Keep your distance (1.5m)
- Limit your close contacts
- Follow the rules of gathering

### Hygiene rules

- Stay at home when you are sick
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid shaking hands, kissing, hugging

- Always use paper tissues. Dispose of them immediately after use and throw them away in a closed bin.
- If no tissue available, sneeze or cough in your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.

#### General race measures

- During the execution of the sport (warming up, start-block and race) the riders don't have to keep the social distance or wear face masks in the peloton bubble.
- The number of people allowed per zone (if applicable) is limited to 400 outdoor and social distance of 1.5m outside the bubble is mandatory.
- The start- and finish zone is only to be entered by accredited people.
- Along the race track, the public is allowed to gather with a maximum of 10 people (according to the rules of social bubble). Organized initiatives are submitted to the regulations of organizing events.
- Wearing a face mask covering mouth and nose is mandatory for everybody over the age of 12.

#### COVID-19 symptoms

These are the symptoms related to COVID-19.

- Abnormal fatigue
- General feeling of sickness
- Inexplicable muscle strain
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Breathing problems
- Fever (38°C or more)
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste and smell
- Running nose
- Repeated sneezing (non-allergic)
- Throwing up
- Diarrhea

The appropriate reactions to these symptoms are explained in this document.

## PRE- Race Measures

### Appointment COVID TEAM

- COVID Coordinator: Tom Thienpont 0488 47 37 35
- COVID Doctor: Sven Adam
- COVID Test team for testing of crew members
- COVID stewards will be available

### Travel and testing

#### Riders and staff members

- All riders and staff members are ordered to get PCR tested as instructed in the UCI protocol. The riders and staff of the UCI team declare that (via team declaration)
  - they have taken the mandatory PCR tests according to the UCI protocol

- max 72hr before start race
    - or test not older than 10 days when participating in previous race
  - that the results were negative
  - that these results are forwarded to the UCI by the applicable method.
- Riders and/or staff members who travel to Belgium by plane or public transport 5 days or less prior to the race need to be additionally tested. In the cloud you can follow the test scheme for teams by Belgian Cycling.
  - Riders: Please inform our COVID Coordinator before **16 june 2021** if a rapid test by the COVID team should be provided by filling out the state of performance of COVID test per team. (see file in cloud).
  - Staff: the testing can be done and collected by the team doctor. If no doctor available please inform our COVID Coordinator before **16 june 2021** if a rapid test by the COVID team should be provided.
- The rapid test will be done in the morning of the first race day on 22 june 2021. Timings between 10hr30 and 12hr00. Address: Testing tent entry site Circuit Chimay at Rue du Grand Prix des Frontières 1 in Chimay.
- Belgian Cycling will have certificates available by which training and participation will be allowed and teams are exempt of quarantine. (see BTA form)
- Teams traveling into Belgium need to fill in the PLF document (within 48 hrs before arriving) and BTA form (number of BTA form needed for the PLF in order to be exempt form quarantine).
  - PLF-formulier <https://travel.info-coronavirus.be/nl/public-health-passenger-locator-form>
  - BTA: <https://bta.belgium.be/nl>

### Organisation

- Health check and testing of the crew in start and finish area prior to the start of the race.
- Health check and testing of suppliers and other members in start and finish area prior to the start of the race.

## BEFORE THE RACE

### Permanence

- Only one sport director of each team will be allowed to enter the jury room.
- Only jury and staff Org is allowed into permanence.
- Face mask is mandatory.
- All teams have uploaded the result of the testing to the appropriate UCI site as ordered in the UCI protocol.
- Each sport director has to bring the completed document mentioning how and when riders and staff entered Belgium (document in UCI cloud – folder Lotto Belgium Tour).
- Washing the hands is mandatory before entering (with hydro-alcoholic gel)

### Sport directors meeting

- Keep social distancing

- Face masks are mandatory
- Washing the hands is mandatory before entering (with hydro-alcoholic gel)

#### Teams

- The teams maintain their bubble.
- During the event every member of the team wears face masks.
- This protocol is part of the race regulation.

## START and DURING THE RACE

#### Team parking

- Follow the instructions given by the stewards.
- Only allowed for the team cars (parking card available).
- Only Team staff, riders, org staff, jury is allowed in this zone (no public).
- Access granted with 'Team' accreditation.

#### Start area

- Start area
  - No public is allowed, access only with appropriate badge
  - Any contact with spectators/fans such as autographs or photographs is prohibited.
  - Masks are mandatory until the start of the race
  - Team personnel must have the mask put on correctly at all times
  - Maximum 2 team staff members allowed in the start area
  - Garbage to be put in designated bins
- Start podium
  1. Keep social distance in waiting area.
    - As close as possible to the team parking.
    - Masks mandatory (when in team bubble on the podium the mask can be taken off for photo purposes), mask is to be put on again before leaving the start podium.
    - The organization will disinfect the podium after every team passage.
    - After the start podium the riders will assemble in the start box area. This is only for riders. A waste bin will be provided at the entry to collect face masks of the riders.
    - Media in mixed zone area (no selfies).
- Signing
  - The jury will take note of the riders' presence on the start podium.
  - The riders don't sign the signing-on sheet themselves.

#### Feed zone

- Garbage will be disposed of in the designated area.
- No exchange of drinking bottles or food between riders of different teams
- Only team staff members are allowed in the feeding zone.

#### Race

- Maximum two people per car if there are no compartments.
- All people in all cars must wear face masks

## Finish area

- The team must provide each rider with a mask when they get off the bike or are stopped after the finish line.
- Only one staff member is allowed to enter the finish post line area to assist the riders.
- All team staff must wear a face mask.
- Masks are mandatory.
- No public is allowed, access only with specific badge.
- A limited number of photographers will be allowed to post after the finish line.
- The press/media officer of the team representing the stage winner and/or leader of classification will be allowed to enter the podium area.
- Press will be allowed into the mixed zone area where social distancing is allowed. Face masks are mandatory in the mixed zone. Riders are obliged to pass the mixed zone.
- The flash interview will be done by the person appointed by the organization.

## Podium Ceremony

See after race

## Organization

- The organization staff and crew must wear a face mask and they are informed about the current COVID measures. Additional briefings are taking place every day of the event.
- The safety distance between the members of the organization / suppliers is maintained.
- Additional supplies of face masks and alcohol gel are available.
- The equipment of the crew is not shared between each other.

## AFTER THE RACE

### Ceremony area

- Only accessible to the rider and 1 member of the team staff.
- The press/media officer of the team representing the stage winner and/or leader of classification will be allowed to enter the podium area.
- Masks are mandatory.
- NO media allowed.

### Award ceremony

- Washing the hands before entering the podium is mandatory.
- Follow the instructions given by the organization.
- Any leader's jersey must be put on by the rider herself before entering the podium. Gifts, for example flowers, will be ready on the podium but must be taken by the rider herself. The ceremony will be contact free.
- The rider can take her mask off for photo's (when a distance of 1.5m is guaranteed).
- Washing the hands when leaving the podium is mandatory.
- After the award ceremony there is a mixed zone for media/press at a safe distance.
- Masks are mandatory for press and media at all times.

### Anti-doping

- Riders may be accompanied by 1 member of the team staff wearing a mask.
- Hand gel wash before entering the anti- doping room.



- Distance between people of 1.5m.
- See annex of UCI protocol for specifications concerning anti-doping during COVID-19

## SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASE management

- In case of a suspected case the team doctor will inform the COVID doctor.
- An isolation location is provided near the medical service unit where the suspected person can be isolated. The normal medical aid services can continue if this is the case.
- The doctor will escort the suspected person to a test center for testing.
- The mandatory (national) measures will be taken according to the test result. In case of a positive result measures will be issued as well as the high level risk and low level risk contact with other persons (possible quarantine and additional testing).
- The Belgian health measures will be respected (period of quarantine,...).

## FOR PRESS/MEDIA

- Only properly accredited persons are allowed, press accreditation via website [www.lottobelgiumtour.be](http://www.lottobelgiumtour.be).
- Media/press must wear masks at all time.
- Keep distance at all times (to riders, to organization, to colleagues, in press room).
- Washing of hands before entering rooms .
- Interviews only with stick to keep distance.
- Interviews only in mixed zone.
- To enter finish zone press must provide a negative covid test result not older than 72hrs.

## FOR PUBLIC

- No public is allowed in the start and finish areas
- Public must wear masks at all time along the track and keep distance (except in own bubble)