

COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines During the 2021 Summit of African Union Heads of State and Government

Advisory to Delegates



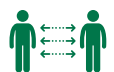
INTRODUCTION

Meetings and gatherings have been known to aid the spread of COVID-19. The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) and the Medical Services Directorate of the African Union have prepared this guideline to ensure safety of delegates and a transmission-free summit. Delegates are advised to take note of these guidelines and maintain high-level discipline and a sense of responsibility by respecting the safety and prevention measures.



SAFETY WHEN TRAVELLING

- All delegates should ensure that they have a negative COVID-19 test result before travelling.
- Maintain physical distance of **1-2 metres** from others at the airport and at all public places.
- Observe personal hygiene always – regular washing of hands with soap and water or cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Keep a portable bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you always to clean your hands anytime you touch surfaces that are used by other people.
- Observe respiratory hygiene always – wear a face mask while at the airport and all through the flight.
- Limit direct contact (or touch) with surfaces at the airport and in public places.



SAFETY AT THE HOTEL

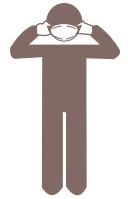
- Maintain physical distance of **1-2 metres** from others.
- Observe respiratory hygiene always – wear a face mask when around other people.
- Observe personal hygiene always – regular washing of hands with soap and water or cleaning your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Ensure good air circulation around you.
- Minimize social activities requiring physical contact. If you need to meet with other people, it is advised to meet in open spaces.
- Limit direct contact with people and disinfect your key cards.
- Use the room service for your meals or grab and go (takeaway) food options.
- Use private transportation or hired cars to limit contact with people.
- Avoid sharing a hotel room with other delegates.





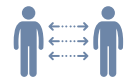
SAFETY AT THE VENUE OF THE MEETING

- If you observe any symptoms, do not go to the meeting rooms, remain in your hotel room and call Africa CDC or the African Union Medical Services for assistance.
- Go through the non-contact temperature scanner before entering the meeting rooms.
- Ensure that the number of participants in meetings is very small.
- Wear a face mask while in the meeting room.
- Maintain physical distance of **1-2 metres** from others in the meeting room.
- Clean your hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer before entering the meeting room and do the same when leaving the room.
- Do not block entries and exits to ensure free flow of movement and prevent crowding.
- Consider using electronic resource materials.
- Avoid or minimize the use of air-conditioners or fans for recirculating air in meeting rooms. Use natural ventilation for good air flow in the meeting space.



SAFETY DURING REFRESHMENTS

- Social gatherings, side events or formal dinners are strongly discouraged.
- Outdoor refreshments are encouraged in a space where there is adequate air circulation.
- Maintain physical distance of **1-2 metres** from others during refreshments.
- Prefer pre-packaged foods to avoid sharing platters or serving utensils. Buffet servings are strongly discouraged.
- Ensure limited number of service providers during meals and refreshments, and that all service providers wear a mask and follow all the hygiene precautions.
- Ensure that there is free flow of movement in and out of the restaurant or refreshment venue.



SAFETY IN THE WASHROOMS

- Maintain physical distance of **1-2 metres** from others in the meeting room.
- Wash your hands with soap and water after using the washroom and clean them with paper towels.
- Follow the signs and floor markings to keep people apart where available.



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