

COVID-19 Guidelines for In-Person Training

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The JVI has implemented measures to provide a safe and secure working and training environment at all JVI premises. All course participants and lecturers must follow the procedures outlined until the COVID-19 pandemic conditions allow further changes.

1. Health Requirements for Participants

To minimize the risks to all stakeholders involved in JVI events, all participants are required to provide proof of either up-to-date vaccination against COVID-19 or recent recovery from the disease before travelling to Vienna.

A document confirming proof of vaccination must be provided to JVI staff, in either English or German (e.g., a yellow vaccination pass); it should mention the name/s of vaccine used as well as the number of shots and dates administered. Currently accepted COVID-19 vaccines include AstraZeneca, BioNtech/Pfizer, Covaxin, Covovax, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Novavax, Sinopharm, and Sinovac. The second dose of vaccine is valid for up to 180 days after it has been received. The booster vaccination is valid 365 days. Any information provided by participants on their vaccination status will not be stored by the JVI after checking.

Alternatively, participants can provide to JVI staff proof of recent recovery. This proof should be a confirmation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 180 days issued by a medical professional or public authority, written in Latin characters in English or German. Any information provided by participants on their recovery status will not be stored by the JVI after checking.

We encourage travellers to monitor closely [entry requirements](#) for Austria, as they may change.

2. Accommodation

All participants should observe COVID-19 protocols in place at the JVI Residence or designated hotel, whichever may apply, including for mask-wearing, distancing, and gathering.

3. Social Program

Indoor social activities organized by the JVI will be reduced to a minimum and preferably organized outdoors.

When outside of the JVI premises, participants are expected to observe COVID-19 protection measures set by the Austrian and local authorities (e.g., at the current time, FFP2 mask wearing in public transportation, pharmacies, and food shops). JVI staff will

provide a briefing to participants at the beginning of the course on the latest official measures.

4. Training at the JVI

The JVI will do its utmost to reduce COVID-19 related risks to course participants. Beyond requiring participants to be either up-to-date with vaccination against COVID-19 or having recently recovered from the disease, the following measures will be in place:

- **No parallel in-person events.** In the first few weeks following the reopening, the JVI will run only one in-person course or event at a time. This measure will reduce the density of occupation of the JVI premises.
- **Testing:** All participants and trainers will be subject to a rapid antigen test administered by the JVI **at the start of the course**. A second test will be performed after one week for 2-week courses. **At the end of the course**, the JVI will arrange COVID-19 tests upon request from participants needing it for travel purposes. Testing might also be required in the event of a positive case among participants.
- **Mask-wearing and social distancing.** Participants are expected to observe social distancing when not wearing masks, particularly indoors. The JVI reserves the right to impose the wearing of masks in the classroom or other common areas of JVI premises (including the residence) based on the epidemiological situation in Vienna at the time of the course and other factors (e.g., number of participants in the course; detection of a positive case among participants). In this regard, participants should come to the course with an adequate stock of FFP2 masks.
- **Other mitigation measures:** Checks on air filters for the air conditioning have been carried out. Wipes and hand sanitizer stations will be available to participants (as well as spare masks). Regular ventilation of classrooms and regular cleaning and disinfection in common areas will be ensured

5. Dealing with a positive case

- **Quarantine and Hospitalization:** Participants and lecturers with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, or who have recently been in contact with symptomatic or confirmed COVID-19 positive individuals, shall act responsibly and inform the JVI program officer immediately as well as reception staff (at the Residence or hotel, as relevant). Under no circumstances shall anybody who believes that they may have contracted COVID-19 leave their room, whether or not they exhibit symptoms. The following protocol should be followed in such situations:
 - The concerned individual should perform a quick antigen test, provided by the JVI.
 - The concerned individual should then **call the official number 1450** for further instructions if the antigen test turned out to be positive; this can be done with assistance from JVI Residence or hotel staff if needed. The health authorities will then decide on the procedure to follow.

- **If quarantine is required**, the JVI will cover selected non-medical costs arising from quarantine, including additional nights' stay and per diems (as required), air ticket change charges, and re-testing. If a participant is required to quarantine during the training period, the JVI will make upon request arrangements to allow for remote participation in the course.
- Medical costs: For any participant diagnosed with COVID-19, Cigna covers treatment for illnesses designated as a pandemic in line with policy coverage terms and in the same way as any other illness. Participants are only covered from the day of arrival in Vienna until the day of their departure (earlier arrival or later departure for personal purpose will not be covered).