

A black and white photograph of a stadium at night, showing the curved structure of the stands and bright lights illuminating the scene.

# **Unified training and competition protocol for the 2020/21 season**

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## 1. PREAMBLE

### 1.1 Introduction and context

Since the global expansion of the pandemic caused by SARS-CoV-2 began in March, Spain has recorded 554,143 confirmed cases and 29,699 deaths<sup>1</sup> (figures as of 11/09/2020).

The epidemiological situation in our country during the first few months of the crisis plunged the country into a state of alert which lasted, following six extensions, until 21 June. During those three months, Spanish society and the economy suffered the consequences of a pandemic which remains active worldwide to this day.

Globally, the figures on the epidemiological situation are devastating: over 27 million infections worldwide and more than 700,000 deaths, with the figures continuing to evolve on a daily basis.

The containment measures adopted in our country proved effective at controlling the epidemic, but their negative impact on economic activity was severe.

Spain began its de-escalation process through the Plan for the Transition to a New Normality,<sup>2</sup> which was gradual, asymmetric and adaptable to the circumstances. With a view to returning to everyday life, three de-escalation phases were established in order to contain the spread and prevent the health services from being overwhelmed, as occurred in the early months of the pandemic.

### 1.2 Current situation

Spain currently has more than 1,000 active outbreaks<sup>3</sup> of infection, where an outbreak is considered to be a specific group of contagions which are related to each other, in the same place and at the same time.

The Autonomous Communities, with competence in the area of Health, are playing a leading role in containing COVID-19. The increase in positive cases in the latter weeks of July and the early weeks of August have demonstrated

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<sup>1</sup> Ministry of Health data. [Summary of the current situation](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Plan for the Transition to a New Normality](#)

<sup>3</sup> Ministry of Health data. [Summary of the current situation](#)

the need to maintain the state of alert in the face of the pandemic, and to contain a possible increase in infections which would plunge the country back into a health crisis.

### **1.3 Current state of professional competitions**

Professional football was not immune to the effects of this epidemiological situation. It was necessary to suspend LaLiga Santander and LaLiga SmartBank for three months following the Decree of the State of Alert and to await authorisation from the Government to resume depending on the evolution of the pandemic. The coordinated work of LaLiga with the professional clubs and public limited sports companies (SADs) and the sports and health institutions, together with the commitment of all of the members of the professional football family, made a return to competition possible.

The application of the Return to Training Protocol and the Return to Competition Protocol by LaLiga and the professional football clubs was a success. The aim of both was the completion of LaLiga Santander and LaLiga SmartBank while minimising the health risk and safeguarding the financial security of the clubs. The execution of both protocols has received the international recognition of many sporting competitions. Furthermore, LaLiga advised other leagues with an international profile on the preparation of their own protocols.

Once the competitions were complete, and having analysed any possible shortcomings, we proceeded to strengthen this set of mandatory measures in order to begin the 2020/21 season on 12 September.

Based on the premise that neither this document nor any other can guarantee the total elimination of the risk of contagion, LaLiga has worked on improving the aspects which have led to uncertainties during their application. While the set of measures adopted by LaLiga as a whole are aimed at protecting footballers, coaches and the rest of the personnel involved in the development of the competition, ultimate responsibility falls on the individual, as the foremost guarantor of his or her own health security.

This set of rules has been prepared with a view to organising the start of the 2020/21 season from the perspectives of public health, sport and organisation, by defining a return-to-work process which guarantees an

optimal state of form for players, and adapting the sports facilities in accordance with the regulations set out by the competent authority.

It is important to remember that Royal Decree-Law 21/2020 of 9 June on urgent prevention, containment and coordination measures to deal with the health crisis caused by SARS-CoV-2<sup>4</sup> remains in effect.

The epidemiological situation, the circumstances, the concurrent risks and the decisions adopted by the competent authorities will determine any possible amendments to this set of rules for action in order to guarantee the integrity of the competition and preserve the health of everyone involved in the process of resuming the competition.

As such, we are dealing with a live document which seeks to cover an important set of circumstances and, given that it is impossible to contemplate every possible situation from the outset, the team in charge<sup>5</sup> of applying and interpreting this action protocol for the 2020/21 season must continually adapt it as required by the circumstances or when any area or process which can be improved upon is identified, as well as by making any clarifications which may be required over the course of the season.

The processing activities carried out by LaLiga related to the application of this protocol, including the services provided to the clubs and the control and supervision tasks which the rules contemplate, are regulated in the processing-under-contract agreements signed by the clubs to date, which shall remain valid while the performance of said activities for and on behalf of the clubs continues to be necessary. Nevertheless, in the event that the need to carry out a new processing activity not contemplated in the previously signed processing-under-contract agreements is identified, the clubs and LaLiga promise to sign a new agreement which governs them, in accordance with the provisions of data protection regulations.

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<sup>4</sup> Article 15. 2. In the case of the Liga de Fútbol Profesional and the Liga ACB basketball league, the administration with competence for the application of the provisions of the previous paragraph will be the High Council for Sport (CSD), after consulting with the organiser of the competition, the Ministry of Health and the Autonomous Communities. The decisions adopted by said body shall give priority attention to the health situation as well as the need to protect both the players and the public attending the activities and sporting competitions.

<sup>5</sup> Composed of the following departments: Presidency, Competitions, Institutional Relations, Audiovisual and Communications.



## 2. PRIOR CONSIDERATIONS

Compliance with the following rules of action will be mandatory for the entire 2020/21 season:

- Only the essential staff required to carry out training sessions must be selected.
- Clubs are reminded of the importance of working with functional groups for the main tasks and activities off the field of play, such as using the gym, physiotherapy rooms, dining areas and any other activity.
- All staff present in the facilities must be properly identified during their time there.
- The presence of club security staff at the club facilities will be mandatory.
- The director of security must report the season and travel plans to the security coordinator (law enforcement forces and agencies), as well as establishing the security deployments which may be necessary during preseason training and travel, to strictly comply with the provisions of the protocol. They must also act as the point of contact with the state law enforcement forces and agencies.
- It will be mandatory to determine the installations where training will be carried out and the equipment to be used. The areas which the first team will use will be exclusively for the playing squad and coaching staff. They must be isolated from the rest of the facilities and no person who does not form part of the first team squad, coaching staff or essential cleaning, disinfection and organisational staff may be granted access. The first team squad must not be present in the facilities at the same time as other teams of the club. These teams may use the pitch when the first team is not using it, but under no circumstances may they access the collective facilities (dressing rooms, toilets, showers, etc.).
- The club will provide players, coaches and employees with the necessary equipment for their proper protection (face mask, hand sanitiser and gloves if necessary).
- Disinfection of the equipment and the facilities must be performed following the indications of the competent health authorities.
- The facilities must be ventilated at least once per day or, if applicable, after every time that they are used in the case of double training sessions. This issue is vitally important.

- The most common interactions within the group must be controlled in order to facilitate close contact tracing in the event of a positive diagnosis.
- Medical controls must be performed constantly throughout, from the preseason through to the completion of the competition. These medical controls must be determined by the medical departments of the LaLiga Santander and LaLiga SmartBank teams, and will necessarily include conducting tests for infection by SARS-CoV-2.
- The disinfection process must be carried out following the indications of the competent health and labour authorities.<sup>6</sup>
- Using hand sanitiser or washing hands with soap will be mandatory at least every half an hour during the time spent in the facilities, before entering the facilities and before entering any room within them.
- Use of face masks is mandatory during the entire time that personnel are present in the facilities, with the exception of players when performing physical exercise on the pitch or in the gym.
- It will be obligatory to report to LaLiga, in an anonymised fashion, any positive result reported to the clubs by the laboratory contracted by LaLiga or detected in tests conducted privately by the club itself.
- In any event, if any indication included in this document conflicts with those laid down by the Ministry of Health or the competent health authorities, those laid down by the health authorities shall always take precedence. Nevertheless, LaLiga may, in the event that it deems necessary, go beyond government provisions and establish additional measures with a view to increasing the safety of the players and the competition.

Remember that the main prevention measures, as recommended by the health authorities and included in the corresponding prevention plan against COVID-19, which must be respected by everyone involved are the following:

- Frequent hand hygiene
- Respecting respiratory etiquette:
  - o Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and dispose of it in a bin with a lid and pedal. If you do not have a tissue, use the internal part of your elbow to avoid contaminating your hands.

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<sup>6</sup> [Action procedure](#) for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to the new coronavirus (SARS-COV-2)

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Practice good respiratory hygiene habits.
- Maintain social distancing of two metres.
- The adequate means to ensure correct cleaning and disinfection of workplaces and work equipment must be provided. It is crucial to place special emphasis on all frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, buttons, etc.

## 2.1 Queries about test results

In the face of technical queries about tests, please contact and you will be directed to the specialists contracted by LaLiga to provide you with the necessary assistance.

## 2.2 LaLiga inspection body

Each club will be assigned an auxiliary inspector, and will be informed of this prior to the start of the preseason. The auxiliary inspector will be in charge of ensuring that the protocol is applied properly for the 2020/21 season and will act as a liaison with the action protocol application team.

Likewise, the main functions of the auxiliary inspector assigned to each club include inspecting the club's daily training sessions, carrying out a review of the facilities to adapt them to the various protocols and regulations, attendance during SARS-CoV-2 detection tests, approving credentials and accompanying teams on their journeys.

Daily reports must be prepared and shared with LaLiga. The report will follow a standard established by LaLiga which includes information on several areas (facilities, protocols, security, etc.).

Therefore, compliance with the instructions passed on by the auxiliary inspector will be mandatory, given that their main function is to oversee the correct application of the regulations with a view to achieving the objectives set by LaLiga and the clubs themselves and to avoid situations which could place the development of the competition at risk.

All queries resulting from the application of this protocol must be addressed exclusively to the auxiliary inspectors, unless indicated otherwise in any section

of this document, and they will then escalate them to the LaLiga staff in charge of the application of the protocol for the 2020/21 season, to be answered and subsequently passed on to the club.

### 2.3 Occupational risk prevention service

Evidently, this action protocol must be integrated into the domain of occupational risk prevention, fundamentally in two spheres:

1. In the merely labour-based sphere, given that employers are the guarantors of the health and safety of those working for them in all work-related aspects.
2. In the sphere of coordinating health and safety measures with respect to other companies or professionals who provide services in the facilities of the company or who share a workplace or location or common areas.

To do so, each club/SAD shall make the content of the protocol known to the prevention body in all aspects which refer to the health and safety of their workers, in order for the prevention body to validate it and adopt the necessary measures to incorporate the protocol into the club's occupational risk prevention plan, along with any other additional measures which it may deem necessary. This same information must be provided to the prevention body to incorporate it into the prevention plan with respect to third parties with which it is obliged to coordinate risk prevention measures.

Likewise, the club/SAD must consult the workers and/or their representatives, with sufficient advance notice, regarding decisions relating to the risk prevention measures which the club/SAD envisages adopting in relation to its staff, including all aspects of the protocol which affect them.

Specifically, as a minimum the following aspects must be included in the prevention plan:

- The measures established in Section 3. Preseason, except for those referring to Section 3.5.3 on preseason tours and Section 3.5.4 on preseason friendly matches.
- The measures established in Section 4. Competition period.
- The measures established in Section 6. Certification, information and cleaning protocols.

## 2.4 CSD contact

All communications which are made to the High Council for Sport must be addressed to Txus Mardaras Arrue. The reporting of all information relating to the clubs to the CSD, including information referring to infections by SARS-CoV-2 and possible health alerts, will be performed through LaLiga, and will always be anonymised.

LaLiga takes responsibility for the obligation to report any case of SARS-CoV-2 infection to the CSD. This report must be made within a period of 24 hours from the official confirmation, whether conclusive or not, by the laboratory which conducts the detection tests. The laboratories which conduct the tests must be identified beforehand and made known to the CSD.

## 2.5 Wearing face masks

Remember that it is mandatory for club personnel to wear a face mask for the entire time that they are present in the facilities, team hotels, stadiums where matches are played, and on any journey by the team.

## 2.6 Use of the COVID Radar application

Use of the Government of Spain's infection alert application COVID Radar<sup>7</sup> will be mandatory for all club employees, including office staff, coaching staff, medical staff and players.

# 3. PRESEASON

Before the start of the preseason, the clubs must ensure that none of their employees attend their workplace if any of the following circumstances occur:

- If any club employee presents an active infection, they must enter mandatory isolation until, as a minimum, their isolation period ends.
- If any employee presents a clinical manifestation with symptoms of suspected infection by SARS-CoV-2.
- If any employee is a close contact of a case, they must isolate at home until, as a minimum, their quarantine period ends (14 days from their

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<sup>7</sup> [https://www.mineco.gob.es/stfls/mineco/prensa/noticias/2020/200803\\_np\\_radar.pdf](https://www.mineco.gob.es/stfls/mineco/prensa/noticias/2020/200803_np_radar.pdf)

last contact with the case. If a PCR test is conducted on Day 10 and it is negative, their quarantine may end).

### 3.1 Type and number of tests

The tests at the start of the preseason will take place on the following schedule:

- **Day 1:** PCR + serological test.
- **Day 4:** PCR test.
- **Day 8:** PCR test.

From Day 8 onwards, tests will be conducted weekly.

No form of professional activity (medicals, etc.) may be performed until the negative results are obtained from the first round of medical tests (Day 1).

From communication of the results of the Day 1 tests until communication of the results of the Day 4 tests, training must be performed individually.<sup>8</sup> From delivery of the results of the Day 4 tests, training may be performed as a group.

Likewise, the clubs must inform all members of the playing squad and coaching staff of the recommendation to engage in as little contact as possible with other people until they learn the results of the medical tests conducted on Day 1.

It is recommended to limit leisure activities in order to avoid potential infections within the squads.

All club employees who join in the activities of the first team once the preseason has started must previously be subjected to the same medical tests: PCR and serological tests on Day 1 and repeat of the PCR test on Day 4, before re-joining the normal activity of the rest of the personnel in the vicinity of the first team. They may not interact with the team until the delivery of the second negative in the PCR test. The indications below must be followed:

- In the case of top-level staff, they may attend the facilities, but they may not be in the vicinity of the first team.

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<sup>8</sup> Players may train at the same time and on the same pitch (preferably on two or more pitches), but individually and without interacting with each other, either physically or through ball exercises.

- In the case of players, they must train individually between the delivery of the first PCR test results and the delivery of the second PCR test results (with a period of 72 hours having transpired between each one). Once the results of the second PCR test have been delivered, and provided that they are negative, they may join in team activities.
- In the case of coaching staff, they may not attend training.

Likewise, they will undergo weekly rapid tests as a control measure.

The medical services are obliged to keep a record of the epidemiological situation at their clubs; that is, a control of positive cases, close contacts, and the isolation and quarantine times of each one.

### 3.2 Testing operations

All operations relating to the functioning and performance of SARS-CoV-2 detection tests are regulated in the document "2020/21 preseason medical testing operations".

Likewise, all queries or questions relating to this issue must be addressed to ~~XXX~~ and copying in the auxiliary inspector assigned to each club.

### 3.3 Action in the event of a positive case after the first preseason test

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the PCR tests conducted in the initial Day 1 medical tests, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:<sup>9</sup>

1. Isolate the positive case for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>10</sup>
2. Report the positive case to:
  - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.

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<sup>9</sup> That which is considered as such in each territory based on the situation of the country.

<sup>10</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

- b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>11</sup>
3. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of close contacts<sup>12,13</sup> of positive cases among teammates and employees in the 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.
  4. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities reflected in the Ministry of Health protocol,<sup>14</sup> they must isolate for at least 14 days from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>15</sup>
  5. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
  6. The facilities must be disinfected.
  7. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
  8. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
    - a. Negative PCR.
    - b. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
  9. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test and a serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

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<sup>11</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>12</sup> Following the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>13</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

<sup>14</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>15</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)



### 3.4 Action in the event of a positive case from Day 4 of the preseason onwards

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the PCR tests conducted in the medical tests on Day 4 of the preseason, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:

1. Isolate the positive case<sup>16</sup> for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>17</sup>
2. Report the positive case to:
  - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.
  - b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>18</sup>
3. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of close contacts<sup>19,20</sup> of positive cases among teammates and employees in the 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.
4. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities reflected in the Ministry of Health protocol,<sup>21</sup> they must isolate for at least 14 days from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a

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<sup>16</sup> Persons who have already had a SARS-CoV-2 infection confirmed by PCR in the previous 6 months will be exempt from undergoing quarantine. With a view to their reincorporation into the team's activities, a negative PCR test will be required at least 24 hours after the supposed positive, or a positive serological IgG test regardless of the PCR result. (Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>17</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>18</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>19</sup> In accordance with the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>20</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

<sup>21</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

- PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>22</sup>
5. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
  6. The facilities must be disinfected.
  7. Whether to repeat the PCR test on the entire group as soon as possible will be evaluated together with the club medical services.
  8. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
  9. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
    - a. Negative PCR.
    - b. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
  10. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test + serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

### 3.5 Regarding training

Use of a face mask and hand sanitiser is mandatory in all facilities.

#### 3.5.1 Between Days 1 and 4 of the preseason

Between Day 1 and Day 4 of the start of the preseason, training sessions must be performed individually and must follow the indications below:

##### A) Facilities

Use of the facilities must be governed by the following indications:

- Before beginning training sessions, the facilities must be disinfected and this process must consist of nebulisation and spraying.
- All access points to the facilities must have a sign which reads "clean zone" and which reminds people of the need to comply with the hygiene

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<sup>22</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

- and social distancing rules set out in Section 2 of this protocol, as well as technical devices to permit temperature checking.
- The correct signage must be distributed throughout the facilities alerting of situations which involve a risk of contagion with SARS-CoV-2, as well as the hygiene protocol to be followed.
  - Cleaning and disinfection of the facilities must be performed twice a day at a minimum, with special attention to hand contact surfaces such as door handles, handrails, benches, chairs, clothes hooks and bathrooms, among others.
  - Wherever possible, the doors of the facilities will be left open to ensure that they are as well ventilated as possible.
  - Hand sanitiser must be available in every room which will be used by the players, coaching staff or club staff related with the first team.
  - Use of hand sanitiser will be mandatory before entering any room in the facilities.
  - Bottles of water will be provided with the names of the players. They will be disposed of at the end of each session.

## **B) Pitch**

Work on the pitch must be governed by the following indications:

- Work on the pitch must be individual, with no group exercises permitted.
- Players may not interact with each other, either physically or through ball exercises.
- Training on the same pitch is permitted (preferably on two or more pitches).
- As a minimum, a distance of two metres must be maintained between each person present on the pitch, including coaching staff.
- Any equipment used by a player must be disinfected before being used by the following player.

## **C) Dressing rooms**

The dressing rooms of the stadiums and training grounds are high-risk areas for the transmission of SARS-CoV-2. For this reason, specific extraordinary measures must be taken for them, as well as for other commonly used areas (by players and members of the coaching and auxiliary staff).

Given the above, in addition to the fact that the first few days are extremely important for the detection of possible new positive cases following the return from the holiday period, and that there may be an incubation period of the virus<sup>23</sup> making it undetectable to PCR tests, the use of the dressing rooms is prohibited from Days 1 to 4 from the return to training in the 2020/21 preseason.

- As an exception, these dressing rooms may be placed in use in the following cases:
  - o Outdoor dressing rooms
    - The teams may have a bag with "dry" clothing which includes trousers and a shirt to give to players once the training sessions end.
    - Outdoor benches can be provided for the players to change. Social distancing must be respected and the benches must be disinfected after each use.
    - Bins to deposit dirty clothing may be provided.
    - The clothing for the next day must continue to be delivered in a sealed bag as indicated in the protocol.
  - o Use of indoor dressing rooms – coaching staff and/or players
    - In the case of training sessions under inclement weather conditions (rain, wind, etc.) the coaching staff and players may briefly use the dressing rooms to change.
    - Under no circumstances may they use the dressing rooms without respecting a minimum distance of **two** metres between them.
    - Under no circumstances may they use the showers.
    - The dressing rooms must be disinfected and ventilated in all cases after such use.
    - Turns for use must be established, respecting a maximum of seven people per turn in total.

## D) Gym

Only the outdoor gym may be used, maintaining a distance of two metres between each machine and following the cleaning indications.

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<sup>23</sup> The average incubation period is 5-6 days, with a range of 1 to 14 days ([Technical Scientific Information: Illness from coronavirus, COVID-19](#))

### **E) Physiotherapy rooms<sup>24</sup>**

Physiotherapy treatments must be limited to cases where they are needed, ensuring that each physiotherapist always treats the same group of patients.

### **F) Coaching staff meetings and technical/tactical talks**

Coaching staff meetings and technical/tactical talks will be prohibited during Days 1 to 4 of the preseason.

### **G) Dining area**

Use of the dining area will be prohibited during Days 1 to 4 of the preseason.

### **H) Anti-doping room<sup>25</sup>**

An anti-doping room must be provided following the requirements of AEPSAD and complying with the established health and hygiene measures.

## **3.5.2 From Day 4 onwards<sup>26</sup>**

Once the results of the Day 4 tests are known, the teams will be permitted to move on to group training sessions, following the rest of the indications established in Section 3.5.1 in effect at that time, with the exception of those relating to the rules on individual training sessions and with the need to establish the following amendments:

### **A) Dressing rooms**

Use of the dressing rooms is prohibited from Day 4 of the preseason onwards.

- In the event that this prohibition cannot be respected due to force majeure, the indications below must be followed:
  - o Make the maximum number of dressing rooms possible available.

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<sup>24</sup> Special attention must be paid to handwashing in this section, given that it is a high-risk area due to the interaction with the players, and continuous washing is therefore recommended, and as a minimum after each use.

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<sup>26</sup> This will also apply during the preseason.

- Mandatory use of hand sanitiser on entering the dressing room, for which a dispenser must be provided at the entrance to each dressing room.
- Obligation to wear a face mask<sup>27</sup> inside.
- Turns must be organised for the use of the dressing rooms, such that there is a maximum of only seven people per dressing room.
- Seats must be provided inside the dressing room such that the maximum possible distance can be maintained between them, leaving at least one free space between each occupied seat.
- The showers must be used in alternating fashion, leaving one shower out of use between each shower in use.
- The empty positions in the dressing room, as well as the showers which cannot be used, must be correctly signed.
- The dressing room must have the maximum ventilation possible and must be disinfected after each training session.

## B) Gym

The gym may be used when following the indications below:

- Disposable towels must be used for each exercise.
- Each machine must be cleaned with disinfectant products after each use.
- The players will work in this area in small groups, leaving, as a minimum, a distance of two metres between each machine.
- The greatest possible ventilation must be maintained in the room.
- If possible, one entry door and one exit door must be established.
- All club staff who are not performing exercises in the gym must wear a face mask.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entering and exiting the room.
- Turns must be established to use the room (small groups), such that social distancing of two metres between all of those present can be respected.

It is recommended that the clubs set up outdoor gyms. In this case, the distance of two metres between each machine must still be maintained and the cleaning indications must be followed.

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<sup>27</sup> Wearing a face mask is mandatory in all facilities. This section simply stresses this.

### C) Physiotherapy rooms<sup>28</sup>

Physiotherapy exercises may be performed following the indications below:

- Disposable towels must be used, which will be replaced after each treatment.
- Treatment tables must be cleaned after each use.
- As a minimum, a distance of two metres must be left between each treatment table.
- All club staff (physiotherapists and players) present in the room must wear a face mask.
- The greatest possible ventilation must be maintained in the room.
- If possible, one entry door and one exit door must be established.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entering and exiting the room.
- Physiotherapists must use hand sanitiser after each treatment and its use is recommended several times during treatment.
- It is recommended that each physiotherapist always treat the same staff such that transmission can be cut off in the event of contagion.
- Each physiotherapist must keep a record of all of the treatments performed (player, date, time and duration of treatment performed).

### D) Coaching staff meetings and technical/tactical talks

Coaching staff meetings and technical/tactical talks will only be permitted when the facilities permit compliance with the following requirements:

- They must be correctly ventilated.
- They must include signage.
- Hand sanitiser must be available, which must be used prior to entry.
- Chairs will be laid out in such a way that the minimum distance of two metres between them is respected.
- Remember that wearing a face mask is mandatory.

### E) Dining area

Use of the dining area must follow the indications below:

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<sup>28</sup> Special attention must be paid to handwashing in this section, given that it is a high-risk area due to the interaction with the players, and continuous washing is therefore recommended, and as a minimum after each use.

- Use of the dining area<sup>29</sup> is permitted provided that a minimum distance of two metres can be maintained between the personnel present in the dining area.
- In the event that it is not possible to maintain a distance of two metres, turns must be established for meals. However, in all cases, prior authorisation must be received from the Competitions department to serve lunch and breakfast. The information that must be shared with the aforementioned department will be as follows:
  - o Small, stable functional groups
  - o Room ventilation
  - o Table layout
  - o Number of personnel per table
  - o Separate entrances/exits
  - o Service type
  - o Room size
- The delivery of food in individual packages is recommended and buffets are advised against.
- The room must be kept as well ventilated as possible and the use of exterior dining areas should be encouraged whenever the weather permits.

## F) Media

Clubs must regulate the presence of the media at training sessions, with security controls established in advance, following the indications below:

- A point must be established in the facilities where training can be followed from a distance.
- This must be a fixed point and it must allow a distance of two metres to be maintained between each member of the media present.
- A separate access point must be established for the media.
- The route from the access points to the training pitch must ensure that they do not cross paths with any member of the coaching staff or the squad, and it must be established as a closed circuit.

### 3.5.3 Regarding preseason tours

The same health and hygiene indications must be followed as in the club's own regular facilities. Furthermore, the following clarifications are made:

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<sup>29</sup> The specifications established to this effect by the Autonomous Community must be respected.



## A) Presence of LaLiga auxiliary inspector

LaLiga's auxiliary inspector will travel with the team and will be present at the facilities, as well as at the hotel, performing the regular tasks assigned to him.

## B) Travel

The travel requirements stipulated for the competition period must be followed, as specified in Section 10 of this document.

Travel details must be shared with the LaLiga auxiliary inspector assigned to the club, who will travel with the team at all times.

## C) Facilities

The facilities where the preseason tour takes place must comply with the following requirements:

- The correct disinfection of the facilities must be certified.
- The hotel/facility must be for the team's exclusive use. In the event that this is not possible, the following indications must be complied with:
  - o Area or floors of the hotel exclusively for use by the players, coaching staff, medical staff and other top-level staff.
    - This includes hallways, transit areas and dining areas exclusively for the team.
  - o The hotel must ensure that the team do not cross paths with the rest of the hotel guests at any time.
  - o Separate entrance with access only for the team.
  - o Individual rooms:
    - In the event that it is not possible to use individual rooms, double rooms may be used.
  - o Elevator exclusively for the team.

## D) Regarding the use of dressing rooms

Use of the dressing rooms in the facilities is prohibited and the players must leave the hotel having already changed. The showers in the rooms must be used.

### 3.5.4 Regarding preseason friendly matches

Given the current situation with the pandemic, the CSD does not support the staging of these kinds of matches.

In the event that friendly matches are played, within the sphere of competence of the authorities which hold such competence, it is necessary to establish a set of minimum requirements for playing friendly matches, in the event that they occur, which are held during the months of August and September, in order to minimise the impact on the start of the competition.

With the view to organising friendly matches during the preseason, the indications below must be followed:

#### A) Opponents

Given that all teams are subject to the same action protocol and the same health controls, and the prevention bodies are equally informed, it is recommended that preseason matches only be played between LaLiga Santander and LaLiga SmartBank teams.

In the event that this recommendation is not followed, and it is decided to play a match against a team not affiliated with LaLiga, the following requirements must be met:

- The match must be played at the facilities of the club belonging to LaLiga.
- The team not belonging to LaLiga must accredit the performance of the necessary medical controls<sup>30</sup> (COVID-19 tests) which accredit their fitness to play in the match.

Exceptionally, the possibility of playing matches against teams which do not belong to LaLiga at facilities not attached to any LaLiga club is permitted. In addition to those mentioned previously, the following requirements must be met:

- Authorisation must be requested from the LaLiga Competitions department, which will then perform a safety validation with the club's prevention body or medical services if it deems it necessary.

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<sup>30</sup> The cost of these tests will not be borne by LaLiga.

- The common and private use facilities of the stadium must be disinfected as specified in Section 3.5.1.A of this document.
- Use of and access to the facilities must be limited as much as possible.
- Use of the dressing rooms is prohibited.

## **B) Travel**

If the preseason match requires travel, the travel requirements stipulated for the competition period must be followed, as specified in Section 10 of this document.

Travel details must be shared with the LaLiga auxiliary inspector assigned to the club, who will travel with the team at all times.

## **C) Dressing room use**

Use of the dressing rooms is prohibited during preseason friendly matches.

In the event that this prohibition cannot be respected due to force majeure, the indications below must be followed:

- The maximum possible number of dressing rooms must be made available for each club.
- Use of the dressing rooms must be organised into turns, such that members of the starting XI (including the reserve goalkeeper) take the first turn. The rest of the squad players will wait for the following turn, when the first group of players have started the warmup.
- Seats must be provided inside the dressing room such that the maximum possible distance can be maintained between them, leaving at least one free space between each occupied seat.
- The showers must be used in alternating fashion, leaving one shower out of use between each shower in use.
- The empty positions in the dressing room, as well as the showers which cannot be used, must be correctly signed.
- The dressing room must be as well ventilated as possible.
- Use of the showers at the end of the match must be organised in turns of groups of no more than seven players.
- Remember that face masks must be worn at all times.

- Exceptionally, during half-time, the starting XI will be permitted to use the dressing room seats, leaving, as a minimum, one free seat between each of them.

## 4. COMPETITION PERIOD

### 4.1 Regarding training

Training sessions must follow the indications established for the preseason from Day 4 onwards. Nevertheless, **depending on the evolution of the epidemiological situation in the country or a specific autonomous community or province, the possibility of more restrictive measures being applied exists, in order to ensure** the proper development of the competition.<sup>31</sup>

### 4.2 COVID-19 medical tests in the competition period

For the purposes of the protocol for playing matches during the 2020/21 season, and from LaLiga Santander Matchday 19 and LaLiga SmartBank Matchday 22 onwards, the PCR tests in the 48 hours prior to official matches which were being conducted prior these matchdays will be replaced by antigen tests to be conducted by the clubs with the materials supplied by LaLiga.

As such, four antigen tests must be conducted each week:

- **First test:** To be conducted mandatorily before the first training session after the last official match.
- **Second test:** To be conducted mandatorily 48 hours after the first training session.
- **Third test:** To be conducted mandatorily 48 hours prior to the next official match. This test replaces the pre-match PCR test.
- **Fourth test:** To be conducted mandatorily:
  - o Home club: First thing in the morning on the day of the match or at the beginning of the pre-match gathering.
  - o Away club: Before setting out to travel to the city where the official match will be played.

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<sup>31</sup> The competition rules for the 2020/21 season include mechanisms for the proper development of the competition in the event of incidents related to the epidemiological situation.

Clubs which wish to conduct PCR tests instead of the antigen tests may do so. These PCR tests must be paid for and contracted by the club itself and LaLiga must be notified of them.

Furthermore, the provisions of Annex 14.11 "Stadium access testing operations" shall apply.

The following persons may take part in the match:

- Club personnel who had a negative result **in the antigen tests** prior to the matchday.
- Club personnel with a positive PCR test and positive IgG test who are involved in the training activity of the first team and therefore are considered to hold the status "infection resolved".<sup>32</sup>

Likewise, periodic rapid tests will be conducted as a control measure, which will be expanded to circles of people who the players, coaching staff and other staff spend time with.

Additionally, all first-team support staff, as well as those who will interact with them, must be subjected to the testing operations (antigen/serology).

As such, the following new limits on the number of tests are established for each round of antigen tests:

- LaLiga Santander: 90
- LaLiga SmartBank: 80

These limits may be exceeded only when duly justified.

Remember that the medical services are obliged to keep a record of the epidemiological situation at their clubs; that is, a control of positive cases, close contacts, and the isolation and quarantine times of each one.

In regard to testing players from the reserve teams and/or affiliate clubs who may train with the first team, the indications set out in the annexed documents must be followed.

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<sup>32</sup> As specified on pages 4 and 11 of the Ministry of Health document "Early testing, surveillance and control strategy" which considers an asymptomatic patient with a positive PCR result and a positive IgG result to have overcome the illness (infection resolved).

PCR tests shall continue to be conducted in the following cases:

- At the end of FIFA international breaks with national teams for players prior to re-joining the squad of their corresponding club.
- For clubs which participate in European competitions, the tests which shall be conducted 48 hours before LaLiga matches shall be PCR tests.
- For clubs in situations where three or more consecutive rest days have been granted.
- For clubs participating in the Copa del Rey and the Spanish Super Cup competitions. These PCR tests shall be conducted 48 hours prior to the matches being played in the aforementioned competitions.
- Specific situations must be evaluated jointly with LaLiga.

All those persons who are on the stadium access lists must mandatorily be subjected to the third antigen test (to be conducted 48 hours before the match).

All tests shall be supervised by the LaLiga auxiliary inspectors assigned to each club.

Finally, it is important to note that LaLiga will continue studying and monitoring any kind of rapid test which may be validated by the health authorities and which permits the rapid and early detection of an infection by SARS-CoV-2. In this case, it would be incorporated into the protocol for the 2020/21 season.

### **4.3 Action in the event of a positive case during the competition period**

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the antigen tests and it is confirmed by PCR, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:

1. Isolate the positive case<sup>33</sup> for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until

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<sup>33</sup> Persons who have already had a COVID-19 infection confirmed by PCR in the previous 6 months will be exempt from undergoing quarantine. With a view to their reincorporation into the team's activities, a negative PCR test will be required at least 24 hours after the supposed positive, or a positive serological IgG test regardless of the PCR result. (Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

- three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>34</sup>
2. Report the positive case to:
    - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.
    - b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>35</sup>
  3. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of close contacts<sup>36,37</sup> of positive cases among teammates and employees in the 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.
  4. LaLiga will establish a support service with a view to identifying potential close contacts within the club.
  5. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities reflected in the Ministry of Health protocol,<sup>38</sup> they must isolate for at least 14 days from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>39</sup>
  6. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
  7. The facilities must be disinfected.
  8. A PCR test shall be conducted on the same group as soon as possible in the event that the positive result is detected in the pre-match antigen test (48 hours before the match).
  9. If the positive case is a player and it is detected in the pre-match tests (48 hours before the match), the rest of the team will only be permitted

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<sup>34</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>35</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>36</sup> In accordance with the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>37</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

<sup>38</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>39</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

- to engage in individual training until the results of the PCR tests are available. Use of the gym and physiotherapy treatments will remain prohibited. In any event, no person will travel with a PCR result pending.
10. In the event that a new positive is detected, the same action protocol will be followed with the second positive as with the initial positive. In this case, the rest of the team who have two negative results will continue with the match planning and travel (if applicable) established once the close contacts are identified by the club's medical services. In any event, no person will travel with a result pending.
  11. If the team has played a LaLiga match in the 48 hours prior to when the tests which revealed a positive case were conducted, an analysis of the match will be performed by means of the LaLiga Mediacoach tool in order to determine the potential contacts which the players may have had between them during the match.
  12. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
  13. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
    - a. Negative PCR.
    - b. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
  14. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test and a serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

It is important to note that, in the case that a positive result is detected in the antigen tests over the course of the week, the following must be taken into account:

- **Detection of a positive result in the 1st or 2nd test:** Coordinated by LaLiga, a PCR retest shall be conducted on the positive case as soon as possible.
- **Detection of positive result in the 3rd test or pre-match test (48 hours before the match):** a PCR retest shall be conducted, coordinated by LaLiga, as soon as possible on the entire team. No travel may begin until the PCR results are obtained.



- **Detection of a positive result in the 4th test:** The positive case shall be isolated, as will their close contacts, and the rest of the team will travel (in the case of the away team) or begin the pre-match gathering (in the case of the home team) in order to play the match.

#### 4.4 Testing following international breaks or similar

In the event of any type of activity separate from the club that involves the club's players or coaching staff (international competitions, professional or personal travel to high-risk areas, etc.), they must be subjected to special health control measures before being able re-join their club activities. Specifically, on returning to their club of origin, the players and members of the coaching staff must be immediately subjected to a PCR test.

These players or members of the coaching staff may not have any kind of contact with any other player from the club, coaching staff or employees, nor may they re-join regular club activities until they have a negative PCR test. In the event that the PCR test is positive, the procedure established in this protocol will be followed.

## 5. MATCH PHASES, STADIUM ZONES AND PERSONNEL GROUPS

In this section, we will define three fundamental elements:

1. The four phases into which all matches played will be divided.
2. The sectorisation into zones which we will perform in the stadiums according to the personnel who can access each of them.
3. The different people involved in the event and their distribution around the stadium.

### 5.1 Phases

Each match which will be played will be divided into four time phases, namely:

- Phase 1: Days prior to the match.
- Phase 2: Pre-match.
- Phase 3: Match.
- Phase 4: Post-match.

## 5.2 Stadium zones

Any action which involves a change of zone credentials or authorisation to access a previously unauthorised zone must receive the approval of the previously established and appointed responsible party as officially reported to LaLiga.

For the proper control of people and the protection of team members, the stadiums will be divided into three zones, which are completely independent of each other, and people will not be permitted to pass from one to the other unless they have the relevant authorisation to do so.

The three zones are as follows:

- **Green Zone:** this will be the critical area for cleaning and health control within the stadium, and comprises:
  - All rooms and passageways extending from the exclusive entrance for the players, coaching staff and match officials to the pitch.
  - This will include passageways, dressing room areas (with all of their rooms), the tunnel, technical areas (the main ones, the part of the stands behind them and possible adjacent areas) and the pitch.
- **Blue Zone:** This will be the rest of the stadium, except for the green zone. It comprises the different areas of the stadiums where people are present during the match: boxes, OCU room, Mediacoach cabin, adjacent rooms, fixed camera points and other points.
- **Red Zone:** This is the stadium exterior. The sites of the control points for access, the zone for mobile units when they are outside, the vehicle and coach parking zones, etc. will be located in this zone.

Furthermore, zones of the stadium to which access is not permitted may be listed.

### 5.3 Distribution of personnel around the stadium

The different people who are authorised to attend the stadium on the matchday will have specific credentials which determine the zone which they can access, the zone through which they can transit and the place which they must occupy during the entire time that the match lasts.

The distribution of personnel in the three zones is as follows:

- **Green Zone:**

	Type 1	Type 2
Match officials	4	4
Players	22	22
Substitutes and non-matchday squad players	24	24
Coaching and medical staff	30	30
Ball assistants	4	4
Sporting director (***) (1H+1A)	2	2
Security director of the clubs (***)	2	2
Pitch delegate (***)	1	1
Main contact (***) (2H+1A)	3	3
Match directors	2	2
Groundsmen	5	5
Communications director (***)	2	2
Health/Red Cross personnel	6	6
Private security	6	6
TV production + TV rights	7	5
VAR technicians	2	2
LaLiga personnel	1	1
Cleaning staff	2	2
Anti-doping personnel	2	2
National police	**	**
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>125</b>

- **Blue Zone:**

	Type 1	Type 2
Private security	14	14
Home team directors (2 with ***)	20	10
Away team directors (2 with ***)	10	6

LaLiga Auxiliary Inspector	2	2
RFEF federation delegate	**	**
UCO police	**	**
UCO technicians	2	2
Red Cross health workers	4	4
Official data and Mediacoach	4	4
LaLiga personnel	1	1
TV production	32	19
Movistar + production	15	2
Other broadcasters with rights	8	4
Official club personnel	16	16
Club media personnel (4H+4A)	8	8
Club TV/production companies (2H+2A)	4	4
Club media assistance (4H)	4	4
LaLiga assistance	1	1
Cleaning staff	4	4
Stadium maintenance	6	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>111</b>

- **Red Zone:**

	Type 1	Type 2
Private security	8	8
TV production	17	13
Movistar + personalisation production	6	0
VAR	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>

Depending on the audiovisual production requirements, the quota for these staff may be increased.

The "official club personnel" who are authorised to be in the blue zone of the stadium and whose duties correspond to: club maintenance, TV-U personnel, DBR, 3D-carpet, tunnel arch, pedestal, centre circle, rear and other banners, may access the green zone for the time necessary to complete their duties, in the place strictly necessary to do so and equipped with the protective equipment indicated (face mask).

All of these personnel must report in advance the duties which they must perform, the time when they perform them and their duration.

All club personnel who feature on the access lists for the green zone must have undergone testing in accordance with the provisions of the "Stadium access testing operations" (Annex 14.11).

All external personnel who feature on the access lists for the green zone must accredit their fitness following the performance of the tests established in the aforementioned "Stadium access testing operations" (Annex 14.11).

All club personnel who feature on the access lists for the blue zone must accredit their fitness with a rapid test (antigen or another diagnostic test with similar efficacy) to be conducted by the club, with the exception of directors who are in the blue zone, who must be subjected to the PCR tests established by LaLiga prior to the game being played.

All external personnel who feature on the access lists for the blue zone must accredit their fitness with a rapid test (preferably for antigens) to be conducted on the matchday.

All documents which accredit that the external personnel have been subjected to the relevant tests must be in the possession of the clubs' security directors and may be required at any time by the match directors.

Players with long-term injuries or those who are not included in the squad will have access to the stadium, and they must be included (specifying in each case) when the final lists are sent.

With regard to directors, both of the home and away teams, it is established that only two people from each team may obtain three-colour accreditation. These must be indicated on the access lists.

Home team directors who hold authorisation with three-colour credentials must be subjected to a rapid test upon entry to the stadium, in addition to a prior PCR test.

Directors with the away team may travel on their own and, therefore, may access the stadium when they deem fit.

When they do not travel with the official club delegation, they may not:

- Visit the team hotel.
- Access their team's dressing room.
- Return on the transport used by the official delegation.

Likewise, remember that they must:

- Submit themselves to the PCR tests with the rest of the team, or otherwise accredit having passed them in another certified laboratory.
- Give their travel details to the auxiliary inspector.

## 6. CERTIFICATION, INFORMATION AND CLEANING PROTOCOLS

### 6.1 Certification protocols

The home team will adopt, in all of its actions, the certification standards established by the competent bodies, in order to ensure the official nature of and to accredit all actions which must be performed to comply with the mandate of this protocol, and it is obliged to observe the laws in force for this purpose.<sup>40</sup>

The club will establish a set of criteria to be complied with by its suppliers in order to officially certify them, and will produce an official list (which will contain the name of the company which carries out each service) which will be submitted to the LaLiga integrity and security department.

In order to access the stadium, it will be necessary for these suppliers to have previously complied with the conditions established by the club, and they must accredit this on entry.

### 6.2 Information

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On entering the stadium, transit areas, work areas and fixed occupancy points during the match, explanatory signage must be installed on the hygiene and protective measures to be taken, which may be provided by LaLiga.

In addition, the installation of hand sanitiser dispensers will be mandatory.

Likewise, the transit zones in the stadium must be signed and marked.

### 6.3 Cleaning

The companies which carry out the disinfection tasks must comply with:

- The regulations in force (with all recommendations made by the Ministry of Health to combat COVID-19).
- Personnel who carry out disinfection shall have all of the necessary protective equipment.
- The disinfection and cleaning products must comply with the technical specifications and standards laid down by the administrations for their application in sports areas.

The cleaning tasks carried out in each of the zones will be:

- **Green Zone:**

This is the zone of the stadium restricted to players, coaches and referees, meaning that the maximum level of cleaning must be performed, and shall include:

- Full cleaning 24 hours before the match.
- It will cover from the entrance through to the pitch, including the dressing rooms and adjacent rooms, the tunnel, the technical area and the pitch area (including the goals), with an emphasis on door handles, handrails, bannisters, screens, taps, toilets, benches and, in general, any kind of element likely to be touched by people's hands.
- During this cleaning, the hydrotherapy areas – which will be closed off and whose use will be prohibited – will also be disinfected; once these rooms have been disinfected, they will be closed off.
- The dressing rooms and adjacent rooms, once disinfected, will be sealed and they may only be accessed by members of the team who are going to occupy them at the determined time.

- During the entire match, the staff responsible will keep this zone clean.

- **Blue Zone:**

We will distinguish between two types of cleaning in this zone:

- Places where no type of activity occurs in the run up to the match (anterooms to boxes, boxes, UCO room) will be cleaned on the day before the match and kept closed until their use.
- In areas where people work on preparing aspects for the match to be staged, constant cleaning work will be performed up until it begins.

- **Red Zone:**

This zone is located outside the stadium. It will be cleaned and disinfected on the day before the match, and the companies which work in this area will keep it clean.

In the event that the area is not owned by the club, the necessary contact will be maintained with the competent administrations in order to clean this area.

## 7. DUTIES OF THE SECURITY DIRECTOR

In these exceptional circumstances, their duties will be as follows:

- They will be the point of contact with:
  - o LaLiga personnel coordinating the proper implementation of this protocol.
  - o The away team.

In order to carry out effective compliance with this protocol, the security director of each team must submit the following lists to the LaLiga integrity and security department 48 hours before the match:

- **Home team:**
  - o List of sporting personnel and coaching staff.
  - o List of members of the board of directors.
  - o List of employees and auxiliary staff of the facilities (stating the company which they belong to and the duty to be performed).
  - o List of private security staff.



- **Away team:**
  - o List of sporting personnel and coaching staff.
  - o List of members of the board of directors.
  - o Security director.

These details must be submitted by email with a read confirmation receipt.

Once the fitness of each member of the team to access the sporting area is confirmed with certainty, the definitive list for each club will be finalised and the LaLiga integrity and security department will submit them to the security director of each team.

## **8. SECURITY PROTOCOL**

The following protocols will be coordinated by the heads of security of the clubs responsible for managing security, access control, occupancy control and surveillance of the critical areas covered.

For this purpose, the security director will establish any and all measures deemed necessary for the size of the operation.

The security protocol will be coordinated with the authorities with competence in the area of citizen's security.

### **8.1 Stadium inspection**

An inspection and review of the facilities will be performed with the collaboration of the police before and after the match, and signs to this effect must be placed in the zones inspected.

### **8.2 Entrances**

At least three entrances will be placed in operation, limiting access through them in the following manner:

- For the exclusive use of: the playing squads, coaches and the match officials.
- For all personnel who access the stadium to work on pre-match preparations (audiovisual, for example).
- For all other personnel.

In order to access the interior, it will be necessary to:

- Prove their identity.
- Be included on the official LaLiga list of staff authorised to enter the stadium (the appendix to this list must include a document from their company stating that the worker is fit to do so, under the previously stated conditions).
- All personnel who enter the stadium must have their temperature taken.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use hand sanitiser (hand sanitiser must be applied every time they enter and exit the stadium).

Once these checks have been performed, personalised credentials will be issued for this match.

### **8.3 Exterior parking zones**

Exterior car parks are located in the stadium red zone. A security operation will be established in them in order to limit access to authorised personnel and protect the area from any risks.

In the event that players from the home team access the stadium in their private vehicles, the parking area closest to their entrance will be used. In the event that this is not possible, the necessary means will be provided to ensure that players can travel this route without any kind of contact.

### **8.4 Transit zones**

Transit zones in the stadium will be marked and demarcated for the different parties involved, establishing access levels and control for them and implementing the necessary measures to prevent unauthorised persons from passing from one zone to another.

To do so, these zones must be clearly signed and security staff must be posted to control them, as well as to supervise the necessary measures to ensure social distancing in these transit zones.

### **8.5 Occupancy protocol**

The occupancy zones will be defined in advance and proceed to be signed. The criteria established by the competent bodies in terms of social distancing and the obligation to use protective equipment (face mask) by all those present will be observed.

- **Stands**

Security staff must be posted in the stands to control and sectorise the prohibited areas. Clear signage will be installed at access points and information will be handed out.

In the box (this is the only space authorised for occupancy by non-working personnel and remember that no kind of food or catering service is permitted), a security zone will be established to supervise access to it, the maintenance of social distancing inside it and the use of mandatory personal protective equipment.

- **OCU**

It will remain operational throughout the deployment as established in Royal Decree 203/2010 (even when playing behind closed doors). The security director must remain in the OCU together with the security coordinator in order to respond in a more effective and coordinated manner to any risk or emergency situation which may arise during the course of the operation. If necessary, and on the approval of the security coordinator, the security director may leave the OCU to comply with obligations of the protocol.

This area must act as the nerve centre for managing the match operations, as established in the legislation in force. Personnel who enter the OCU in exceptional circumstances and do not feature on the lists must wear all mandatory personal protective equipment (face masks).

- **Zones adjacent to the team zone**

The zones reserved for players not included in the matchday squad must be taken into account, ensuring compliance with social distancing, for which a zone in the stands will be provided.

- **Stadium exterior**

A surveillance system will be established in the zones surrounding the stadium in collaboration with the law enforcement forces and agencies to avoid possible crowds and to protect the spaces reserved for the different access points and routes.

## **9. FACILITIES OUTSIDE THE CONTROL OF THE CLUBS (HOTELS AND OTHER PRE-MATCH VENUES)**

Hotels and other pre-match venues are some of the most vulnerable points to the possibility of new contagions, and greater safety measures are therefore required.

During the 2020/21 season, hotels and other pre-match venues will be contracted and managed by the clubs themselves, and the auxiliary inspectors will ensure compliance with all of the measures established.

In the event that the public health circumstances require, contracting may be centralised and LaLiga may establish mandatory pre-match gathering periods, which must be approved by the Delegate Commission.

The responsible party from the club and the security director will maintain direct contact at all times with the executives and security heads of hotels or venues where the teams gather ahead of matches being played.

The organisational guidelines will be as follows:

- The hotel facilities must be accredited to be in perfect conditions for use, having previously been disinfected in an officially certified manner performed by specialist companies (this disinfection must be accredited with documentary evidence, and the establishment will provide a copy of this to the club and the LaLiga auxiliary inspector).
- Disinfection<sup>41</sup> must consist of at least spraying the areas to be used by the team.
- The zones used by the teams will be exclusively for them, with all of the necessary rooms available (with the proper measures for the activities to be carried out in them) and spaces shall at no time be shared with persons unconnected to the club.

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- The delegation must stay in individual rooms.
- The establishment will provide documents accrediting that all personnel attending to the team are fit to do so, with the necessary medical controls for this purpose (antigen tests). They will also make the documents accrediting said fitness available to the club and the LaLiga auxiliary inspector.
- The rooms will be properly ventilated and no cleaning will be performed during the stay.<sup>42</sup> The temperature will be maintained at 21 °C and the humidity at 50-60%.
- Access control will be established to the zones used by the team, restricting visits and transit in the hotel during the team's stay.
- Use of face masks will be mandatory at all times.
- The LaLiga auxiliary inspector will carry out an inspection of the facilities to confirm that all of the conditions of the protocol have been met, and must urgently report (through the established channels) any possible shortcomings which may be detected.
- No member of the delegation may leave the hotel during their stay in the city which they have travelled to in order to play the match.

With regard to the **use of the dining area and preparation of the post-match meal**, the indications below must be followed:

- Use of the dining area<sup>43</sup> is permitted provided that a minimum distance of two metres can be maintained between the personnel present in the dining area. The room must be kept as well ventilated as possible and the use of exterior dining areas should be encouraged whenever the weather permits.
- The establishment of staggered meal times is recommended, and these will be mandatory in the event that a distance of two metres between everyone present cannot be respected.
- The delivery of food in individual packages is recommended and buffets are advised against.
- Meals to be distributed once the matches end will be prepared in individual bags with the name of each player. These will be collected by team staff and delivered to the players when deemed appropriate.

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<sup>42</sup> Except during pre-match gathering periods imposed by LaLiga, during which it may be expressly authorised by LaLiga.

<sup>43</sup> The specifications established to this effect by the Autonomous Community must be respected.

## 10. MEANS OF TRANSPORT

During the 2020/2021 season, the means of transport will be contracted and managed by the clubs themselves, and the auxiliary inspectors will ensure compliance with all of the established measures.

Express information on all of the travel details must be submitted to the security coordinator, as well as to LaLiga. Travel will be authorised once it has been confirmed that it meets the stipulations of this protocol.

In the event that the public health situation requires, contracting may be centralised by LaLiga.

The clubs are obliged to comply with the common measures indicated below:

- As an exceptional security measure, the security director will travel with the team.
- The persons who make up the delegation must be only those strictly necessary.
- Use of face masks will be mandatory at all times.
- At least one bottle of hand sanitiser must be distributed to each member of the delegation.
- The presence of team members in common areas at risk of being "contagion hotspots" shall be as limited as possible.
- Any vehicle used must be disinfected beforehand, and the companies contracted must provide documents certifying these actions.
- Personnel who enter into contact with members of the delegation must accredit their fitness to do so (by means of certification of having passed an antigen test on the day of the team travelling or at most on the day before).
- Remember that the following may not travel:<sup>44</sup>
  - o Persons who must be in isolation due to a presumed active infection, until their isolation period ends.
  - o Persons presenting a clinical manifestation with symptoms of suspected infection by SARS-CoV-2.
  - o Persons who have been in close contact with a case and are in a quarantine period.

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<sup>44</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

## 10.1 Home team

It is recommended that members of the home team travel to the stadium in their private vehicles, leaving them in a parking zone established for this purpose.

Teams which do not have vehicle parking areas inside the venue must:

- Apply to the competent authority in each case via the regulated procedure for a parking area in a zone other than the one established by the National Police as a safety zone.
- Fence off and protect it with private security, requesting the necessary permissions to do so and assuming this responsibility.
- Inform the security coordinator with as much advance notice as possible, and at least 48 hours before the match, including this in the pre-match meeting minutes.

In the event that the team is going to gather before the match, the team will leave from the gathering venue, for which the necessary number of coaches will be provided to maintain social distancing and always respecting the maximum 50% occupancy rule.

## 10.2 Away team

Travel by teams when playing away will be more complex, given that a single trip may require changing means of transport several times, and therefore safety measures will be stepped up.

Under no circumstances will travel be permitted on regular flights, regular trains (except with carriages for the exclusive use of the club and special entry to the stations) or by coach when the distances are greater than 450 km, in order to ensure the health and safety of the delegation and the integrity of the competition in accordance with the provisions of the protocol.

For **coach journeys** the following recommendations must be followed:

- The security director will travel with the delegation.
- The number of coaches necessary to maintain social distancing will be provided.
- The vehicles will be disinfected prior to use, and the cleaning company will certify the time of disinfection and the products used, as well as

- making proof of said operation available to the club and the LaLiga auxiliary inspector.
- The vehicle will have all protective and separation equipment required (it is recommended that coaches have screens between the driver and the members of the delegation) and hand sanitiser dispensers will be installed.
  - The coach company must accredit that at least three drivers are fit to provide the service, having passed antigen tests on the day of the team travelling or at most on the day before (the company will make the documentary evidence of the fitness of the drivers available to the club and the LaLiga auxiliary inspector).
  - Drivers will maintain the social distancing measures in force and will use essential protective equipment at all times (at least a face mask).
  - The members of the delegation will maintain social distancing at all times.
  - Fifty percent of the coach capacity may not be exceeded.
  - In the event that bottles of water are taken on the journey, they will be provided for the team and for individual use.
  - The same coaches must always be used for local transport and will remain in a reserved area of the hotel. The drivers may not be replaced and must remain in the hotel during the match travel period.
  - Disembarkation from the coach must occur in an orderly manner and following the instructions of the LaLiga auxiliary inspector, to avoid congestion during access control.
  - Journeys of over 450 km are not permitted.

For **plane journeys**, the following recommendations must be followed:

- Travel on charter flights will be mandatory, complying with the following specifications:
  - o The planes will be disinfected prior to use, and the cleaning company will certify the time of the operation and the products used, as well as making documentary evidence of said operation available to the club and the LaLiga inspector.
  - o There will be no catering service on the flight. The team will provide bottled beverages for the flight, which will be for individual use.



- The period spent at the terminal (an executive terminal will be sought) by the teams will be as short as possible, adjusting travel times to ensure this.
- The distance between passengers throughout the flight must respect social distancing.
- It is not permitted to enter shops in the terminals.

For **train journeys** the recommendations below must be followed:

- Contracting the AVE "Charter" service. In the event that regular AVE services are used, they will be contracted in such a way that social distancing between the members of the delegation is at least two metres (booking entire carriages exclusively for the team).
- In the event of contracting AVE "Charter":
  - RENFE will disinfect the vehicles prior to use, and the cleaning company will certify the time of disinfection and the products used, as well as making documentary evidence of said operation available to the club and the LaLiga inspector.
  - RENFE must provide hand sanitiser dispensers for the entire delegation.
  - There will be no staff attending to the members of the delegation at any point during the journey.
  - There will be no restaurant car service or catering on board and the members of the crew (minimal) must wear the necessary protective equipment (face masks) at all times.
  - Two members of the delegation will sit in each row of seats, each one at the ends of the row.
  - The time spent in the departure area will be as short as possible, agreeing the quickest and most agile boarding method with ADIF.
- In the event of using the regular Ave service.
  - In order to ensure social distancing, entire carriages will be booked.
  - There will be no staff attending to the members of the delegation at any point during the journey.
  - In the event that a catering service is operating on board, it will not be used by the members of the delegation.

- Two members of the delegation will sit in each row of seats, each one at the ends of the row.

More information on the **criteria for managing travel for the 2020/21 season can be found in the annexes.**

### 10.3 Match officials

With regard to travel for match officials, the agreements adopted by the Professional Competition Refereeing Committee will be followed.

## 11. MATCH ORGANISATION

### 11.1 Prior issues

The following prior issues must be taken into account with regard to the organisation of matches:

- When the definitive date for the start of training is known, the teams will provide a complete list of the persons of any nature within their club (players, coaches, team staff, directors, delegates) who may enter the stadium or travel with their team until the end of the season.
- This group of people will be subject to rigorous control by the medical services in order to protect the health of all of them and to avoid possible contagions between them.
- The club will appoint a person in charge of verifying that the status provided by the Covid-19 Radar application for the entire group is consulted before the match.
- For each match, LaLiga will have a list explicitly stating the personnel from each club authorised to enter the stadium.
- Forty-eight hours before the matches, the teams will provide the list of people who will travel or who will attend the stadiums (this list will be pending review, once the results of the final tests conducted on all of the people who will access the stadium are obtained).
- Personnel outside of the control of the clubs who access the stadium must possess a certificate from their company, which is obliged to provide it, stating that they are fit to enter the stadium.

- Use of face masks will be mandatory at all times. For this, a kit will be provided at the entrance composed of a face mask and a bottle of hand sanitiser.
- Hand sanitiser dispensers and personal hygiene information signs will be installed in all stadium transit areas, temporary occupancy areas and workplaces.
- It is recommended that the teams have sufficient personnel of all kinds in order to comply with this protocol.

## 11.2 Phase 1: Days prior to the match

### - **Stadium entry lists**

The LaLiga integrity and security department will receive the lists, with the appendices, of those fit to enter the facilities.

A review of all of the lists will be performed, and any kind of clarification of the information received may be requested, excluding those people who do not meet all of the conditions required to enter the stadium.

Once the above process is complete, the definitive lists will be finalised and sent to the respective clubs and to the heads of security, and the corresponding credentials will be issued to enter the match.

### - **Preparation of the stadium**

On the day before the event is held, the stadium will be prepared to stage the match by marking out, demarcating and, if applicable, closing off all areas of the stadium based on their classification. All necessary signage and control mechanisms will be installed, and all equipment required for people's safety will be prepared.

The presence of private security at the stadium will be mandatory from the moment when all of the actions detailed in this section begin, ensuring that the instructions of this protocol are complied with.

### - **Stadium inspection**

Before the cleaning and disinfection, an in-depth inspection of the stadium will be conducted:

- The presence of reminder signs with personal hygiene recommendations.
- The existence of hand sanitiser dispensers in the different locations in the stadium. At the very least, they must be placed in all work areas, transit areas to these work areas and any location where workers or members of the teams are located when the match is being played.
- Stocks of face masks and hand sanitiser will be counted, ensuring that they are sufficient for everyone present.

- **Cleaning and disinfection**

Once the inspection is complete, the cleaning and disinfection of the stadium will be carried out.

All means necessary will be used to ensure it is properly disinfected (spraying and nebulising) with products certified in accordance with the legislation in force.

Once complete, the dressing rooms, their adjacent areas and all rooms for the exclusive use of the sports teams will be sealed.

The certified company in charge of cleaning will provide the club's security director with a document certifying the action performed, and a copy of this document will form part of the match director's documentation.

- **Home team**

The home team will begin this phase once the final medical tests have been carried out.

In the event that the team gathers before the match, the security and control measures set out previously will be taken.

In this phase, the club security director will carry out coordination and preparation tasks for the match with LaLiga (match directors) and with the contacts from the visiting team.

- **Away team**

The away team will begin this phase at their training ground or team hotel in their city of origin. In order to travel, they will follow the travel guidelines set

out in this protocol, providing the auxiliary inspector with all of the documentary evidence of the disinfection process and the fitness of staff, both for the means of transport used and the accommodation.

### 11.3 Phase 2: Pre-match

#### - Entrances

At least three entrances will be placed in operation, limiting access through them in the following manner:

- 1) One entrance will be for the exclusive use of: the playing squads, coaches and the match officials.
- 2) The second entrance will be for all personnel who access the stadium to work on pre-match preparations (audiovisual, for example).
- 3) The final entrance will be for all other personnel.

In order to access the interior, it will be necessary to:

- Prove their identity.
- Be on the official LaLiga list of staff authorised to enter the stadium (the appendix of this list must include a document from their company stating that the worker is fit to do so, under the previously requested conditions).
- Have their body temperature taken.
- Wear a face mask.
- Use hand sanitiser (hand sanitiser must be applied every time they enter and exit the stadium).

Once these checks have been performed, personalised credentials will be issued for this match.

#### - Organisational meeting

The presence of the security director at the organisational meeting prior to the match will be mandatory. It will be held at the normal time before the start of the match.

All of the extraordinary concepts of the health protocol will be covered, reinforcing the control measures in the different zones which are established.

In the pre-match meeting, the match directors will provide an official list issued by LaLiga of all of the persons authorised/accredited to access the facilities, and the security director will have previously received this list from the LaLiga integrity and security department.

This information must be used by the club as an obligatory part of managing access to the stadium and will be delivered to the club's security director and main contact. All of the participants in the meeting will share the information received on the personnel authorised to access the stadium.

The security director will also inform the match director of the established security plan and the public health prevention deployment plan.

#### **- Transport and equipment**

Entry to the dressing rooms of the facilities will only occur in the event that reasons of force majeure necessitate the use of the dressing rooms, as established in this document.

Those in charge of the kit of both teams will arrive at the stadium three hours beforehand to prepare the kit in the dressing rooms, given the exceptional circumstances (a special zone in the stadium exterior will be established for them).

On arriving at the dressing room and its adjacent areas, they will unseal the facilities in the presence of the match director and sign the certificate of conformity of having found the facilities in perfect condition.

The personnel will follow the recommended hygiene measures, as well as depositing each player's kit in a personalised and disinfected bag, under the control and supervision of the club security staff.

They will place two bags for depositing dirty clothing in the two bins installed for this purpose, before being sealed and transported for subsequent treatment.

Furthermore, they will prepare all of the hydration elements for the players. These will be individual, disposable and will have a label for each player for their personal consumption.

These personnel must comply with the health and hygiene conditions at all times and carry protective equipment with them at all times, such as a face mask and bottles of hand sanitiser.

### 11.4 Phase 3: Match

#### - **Arrival of the players, coaching staff and team security director**

The arrival of the players will take place following the regular protocol on the roadmap prior to the kick-off, occurring via an entrance established for the players and the coaching staff. Their temperature will be taken on their arrival.

The home team will arrive first, followed by the away team, with sufficient time between them. The coach will leave the players as close to the entrance as possible.

In the event that the home team players travel in their own vehicles, they will be given a timeslot to arrive at the stadium.

All players and members of the coaching staff will arrive at the stadium equipped with a face mask. The team credentials will be delivered by the club security director.

#### - **Arrival of the match officials**

The arrival of the match officials will be similar to that of the teams. They will have their temperature taken and access the stadium green zone.

The match officials will wear protective equipment during this entire process.

#### - **Dressing rooms**

- a) **Use of the dressing rooms to change before the start of the matches and for the players to shower afterwards is forbidden.** During official LaLiga (Santander and SmartBank) matches, the players and the rest of the delegation must arrive at the stadium dressed in their match attire and shower after the match at the hotel or in their homes, depending on whether they are with the home or away team.

Access to the dressing rooms will only be permitted at the following times:

- **Before the start of the warm-up** in order to put on their boots. This use of the dressing room must not take more than three minutes and a first turn must be established for the starting XI and the substitute goalkeeper, followed by the substitutes.
- Before the **start of the match** and **once the warm-up has finished, the starting XI** may change out of their warm-up kit and into their match kit and receive the coach's final instructions. Where possible, the substitutes must not enter the dressing room during this time, in order to permit social distancing to be maintained. This use of the dressing room must not take more than five minutes.
- At **half-time during the match**, in order to allow the players to rest, change clothing if necessary and listen to the coach's instructions. Where possible, the substitutes must not enter the dressing room during this time, in order to permit social distancing to be maintained. This use of the dressing room must not take more than 10 minutes.
- At **the end of the match** before travelling to the hotel or home, in order to change into dry clothes. This must be done in turns of no more than seven players at a time and they must not spend more than three minutes in the dressing room.

Use of the dressing rooms must follow the guidelines below:

- Remember that it is mandatory to use hand sanitiser before entering the dressing room and wear a face mask at all times.
- The maximum possible number of dressing rooms must be made available for each club.
- Seats must be provided inside the dressing room such that the maximum possible distance can be maintained between them, leaving at least one free space between each occupied seat.
- The positions disabled for use in the dressing room must be properly signed.
- Aerosols must not be used in the dressing room. These treatments must be performed outdoors.
- Social distancing of at least **two** metres must be maintained at all times.
- The dressing room must be kept as well ventilated as possible.



b) **Using the dressing rooms to change before the start of matches remains prohibited.** Only in cases of force majeure in which it is necessary to **use the dressing room showers at the end of the match** will their use be permitted under the following conditions:

- The showers may be used by turns of no more than six people and their shower must not last more than five minutes per turn.
- The showers must be used in alternating fashion, leaving one shower out of use between each shower in use.
- The time spent in the dressing room after the match must not exceed 10 minutes.
- They must have the express authorisation of LaLiga (through the auxiliary inspector).
- They will follow the same guidelines on the use of the dressing rooms before the match and at half-time described in point a).

#### - **Technical area**

The technical area will be disinfected and sealed off until the teams come out to warm up.

This area will be equipped with hand sanitiser dispensers and protective equipment.

In order to fit all personnel from the teams who occupy the technical areas, an area will be established behind them, and the places which can be occupied will be signed.

Wearing a face mask is mandatory at all times in the technical area. Only the head coach, if they deem it appropriate, is excluded from this rule.

#### - **Warm-up**

The pre-match warm-up will take place in the areas contemplated in the regular protocol and adjusted to the foreseen times.

It will be mandatory for all members of the team to disinfect their hands every time that they enter and exit the field of play. For this purpose, hand sanitiser

dispensers will be placed at the entrances to the tunnel, in the technical areas and in the area occupied by the fourth official.

- **Ball assistants**

Each club may have up to four ball assistants, who they must distribute around the pitch.

Sufficient balls will be placed around the pitch so that the match can be played normally. Additionally, these must constantly be disinfected by the ball assistants.

- **Players and match officials entering the pitch**

The players and match officials will enter the pitch following the indications described in Annex 14.8.

- **Half-time**

Following the protocol for entering and leaving the pitch, the players must use the hand sanitiser dispenser when leaving the field of play and entering the dressing room area.

- **End of match**

At the end of the match, the clothing used will be collected in the bins made available for this purpose.

Additionally, it is recommended to minimise the time spent by players in the dressing room once the match has finished.

In the event that any player must undergo anti-doping tests, a second room will be enabled to carry out the test. This room must comply with all of the AEPSAD requirements.

A brief activation for the players where decided upon by the coaching staff at the end of the match will be permitted, with two very clear premises: it will last for a maximum of 30 minutes and will depend on the time available to begin the return trip.

- **Post-match press conference**

The corresponding press conferences will be conducted remotely in an area enabled for this in the stadium.

- **Club security director during the match**

The home club's security director must remain in the OCU together with the security coordinator in order to provide the most effective and coordinated response possible to any situation which may arise during the course of the operation. If necessary, and on the approval of the security coordinator, the security director may leave the OCU to comply with obligations of the protocol.

The responsibilities of the security director of the home club include maintaining security staff in the access control areas to prevent personnel without credentials from entering the facilities during the course of the match.

They will collaborate with the police representative on the response to any incident or emergency situation which may arise during the course of the match and will follow the instructions of the security coordinator in terms of the security of the event and oversee access by external assistance in the event of possible emergency situations (Fire Brigade, Civil Defence, etc.).

While the match is being played, the security director of the club, together with LaLiga, must coordinate these actions with the main contact of LaLiga and the match director (Television Regulation scope) in order to be able to answer any questions or resolve any incidents which may arise during the course of the match. They will also work with the other departments of the club in order to collaborate and coordinate all of the measures implemented.

#### **11.5 Phase 4: Post-match**

- **Order of the teams leaving**

The teams will leave in a staggered fashion via the same entrance to the dressing rooms area.

The away team will leave first, followed by the home team, and finally the match officials.

## 12. CREDENTIALS

Credentials will be used as the mechanism to know and measure how many people are attending a LaLiga match at all times. They will also serve as identification for security staff so that they can control access to the stadium and the different areas used during the match.

On the other hand, credentials must serve to identify the different roles of the attendees and participants in the event. They will be issued in three colours in line with the stadium zones:

- **GREEN CREDENTIALS:**
  - Access to the critical hygiene area, corresponding to the green zone of the stadium.
- **BLUE CREDENTIALS:**
  - Access to the stands and areas adjacent to the green zone.
- **RED CREDENTIALS:**
  - Access to the stadium exterior zone.
- **THREE-COLOUR CREDENTIALS:**
  - Access to all zones of the stadium.

Once the personnel lists for the matchday have been made official, LaLiga will issue the credentials through the match directors, who will also add an individualised sticker for each match.

## 13. MEDIA

### 13.1 General premises

Given the public health situation, and taking into account the limitations imposed on entering stadiums (no more than 270 people, and prohibited for the general public), the number of media employees who can access the stadium will be limited.

Once this document has been approved, the media will receive all of the information on the new stadium entry conditions. This information will be transmitted via the usual channel (LaLiga's Credentials Portal), as well as the additional channels established.

This information will include:

- The mandatory prior conditions which must be satisfied in order to access the stadium.
- The stadium entry conditions (access control, requirements, equipment control, etc.).
- The rules on stadium access times.
- The authorised occupancy area in the stadium, as well as the permitted routes within it.
- Actions permitted during the match.
- Procedures for exiting the facilities.

Media employees who access the stadium are required to comply with all of the conditions established for persons authorised to access the facilities.

The spaces assigned to media employees do not have to be the regular ones for the season.

The home club will appoint a representative from the communications and press department to manage the organisation and location of the accredited media in the stadium.

The LaLiga credentials department will be in charge of taking credentials applications from the various media outlets, via the LaLiga Credentials Portal, and will send the corresponding definitive list to the LaLiga security department and the home club.

In order to log in and submit an application on the LaLiga Credentials Portal for the 2020/21 season, it will be an essential requirement for the media, in their respective categories, to be validated on the LaLiga Credentials Portal and to have been accredited for at least one match in the 2019/20 season.

The media covering the teams promoted to LaLiga SmartBank for the 2020/21 season must have been accredited on a regular basis in the 2019/20 season

for the matches of those teams in order to be validated on the credentials portal.

The print media covering the teams promoted to LaLiga Santander for the 2020/21 season must have been accredited on a regular basis in the 2019/20 season for the matches of those teams in order to be validated on the credentials portal.

As for media outlets wishing to obtain credentials for the matches in which the team that they habitually cover is playing away, the following entries will be included:

- Two radio stations which provide coverage of the away team and which are among the five radio stations with the largest audience in the autonomous community.
- Two print media outlets which provide coverage of the away team (one person per media outlet) and who are among the media outlets with the largest audience in the autonomous community (in addition to the six accredited local media outlets).
- One television broadcaster (camera operator) which provides coverage of the away team and which is among the five television channels with the largest audience in the autonomous community.

The competent services of the media companies must sign a document declaring responsibility for all media employees who will attend the stadium, which will be provided by LaLiga as a condition for entering the stadiums. This document must be provided by the same deadlines as for the rest of the companies.

The home club will post security staff for the media, both for access control and occupancy control.

### **13.2 Entrances**

The guidelines below will be followed:

- An exclusive entrance will be provided for access by these staff, implementing the same security measures at this point as at all other entrances.

- In order to receive credentials, staff must comply with the six entry requirements included in the general protocol, namely:
  - Be on the official stadium entry lists.
  - Prove their identity.
  - Have submitted the declaration of responsibility form for stadium access for the professional who has made the credentials application, and this application must have been accepted.
  - Have their temperature taken before entry (it must be below 37.5 °C).
  - Wear a face mask.
  - Use hand sanitiser gel.
- Media employees' equipment must be disinfected on accessing the facilities. The home club will fit out an area for this and provide the technical means to perform this action.
- In the event that there are any questions, the representative of the home club will communicate directly with the media employees.
- Media employees will have previously established routes to their workplaces, and they may not leave them to move to other parts of the stadium.
- Media employees must wear the corresponding identification bib provided to them by the home club at all times during their time in the facilities, which will have been correctly disinfected.

### 13.3 Transit within the stadium

Before disinfecting the stadium, the transit zones for media employees will be demarcated and the fixed workplaces of the professionals will be marked (with stickers produced for this purpose).

Two inspections will be performed in these zones:

- The first, during the general stadium inspection. This will be carried out in collaboration with the National Police, marking the inspected zones.

- The second, in the general stadium inspection, which will be carried out by the match director before disinfection, and its closure before the match begins.

The entry procedure will be as follows:

- Each group will be assigned a time to enter the facilities.
- They will enter via the entrance established for this purpose, complying with the six entry requirements set out in this protocol.
- Their work equipment will then be disinfected.
- They will be grouped as follows:
  - The five television cameras.
  - One group of eight people from the radio stations.
  - The 14 photographers divided into two groups of seven people.
  - The eight print media reporters.
- Each of the groups will be accompanied to their workplace by the person responsible appointed by the club and a member of security.
- It is not permitted to leave the assigned workplace unless accompanied by a member of security. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the loss of credentials.

### 13.4 Work area

- All personnel must transit between the assigned entrance and their workplace via the areas established for this purpose, and may not transit through other areas.
- They may only occupy the spaces assigned to them.
- Work equipment must be for personal and exclusive use.
- They may not leave the facilities during the match. In the event that they do so, they will not be granted re-entry to the stadium.
- They must wear a face mask during their entire time in the stadium.
- They will maintain social distancing both when accessing their workplace and when leaving it.
- They must comply with the instructions given to them by any club employee or security staff during the course of the match.
- Accredited media will abstain from carrying, locating or depositing any kind of wireless recording device in any location. Nor will they use or locate devices for capturing the ambient sound, for example directional microphones or additional microphones to the ones



contained by the ENG cameras or micro cameras hung in the booths outside to capture ambient audio.

### 13.5 Leaving the facilities

Exiting the stadium will be carried out following the guidelines below:

- Media employees must leave the facilities at the end of the match, during the following 10 minutes.
- They must leave the facilities in an orderly fashion and follow the instructions of the club and security staff in terms of times and established routes.
- It will be prohibited to use work areas other than the assigned positions during the match.
- Media employees must leave the facilities via the same door which they used to enter, and may not access other unauthorised zones of the stadium.
- They may not access the parking zones established for players and directors.
- Any action which fails to comply with the established protocols will result in expulsion from the stadium and a ban on accessing the rest of the matches of the season.

### 13.6 Conditions for accessing the stadiums

#### A. Audiovisual communications service providers WITHOUT rights

- National audiovisual communications service providers without rights that wish to receive highlights of all matches on each matchday via FTP may request this, as normal, via the Credentials Portal, in the established timeframes.
- Access will be granted to a maximum of four television broadcasters without rights.
- RTVE and FORTA may enter whenever they so request, leaving the remaining positions for private television networks. Their credentials will be managed following the regular procedures in due time and proper form established by LaLiga.
- Access will be granted to one television broadcaster (camera operator) which provides coverage of the away team and

which is among the five television channels with the largest audience in the autonomous community (in addition to the three accredited national television channels and FORTA).

- Approval of credentials requested by the media will be managed in accordance with objective audience data criteria.
- TV cameras will be located in the designated authorised zone, with a distance of **two** metres between each of them.
- Only the camera operator may receive credentials.
- Entry by TV broadcasters will take place between 30 and 60 minutes before the start of the match. They will be accompanied to their established positions by club staff and a security officer.
- Technical equipment, which shall not permit live broadcasting, may only be used once they have taken up their final positions.
- They may request participation in the remote press conferences after the matches via the LaLiga Credentials Portal.

## **B. Photographers**

- Access will be granted to a maximum of 14 photographers.
- Access will be prioritised for a single photographer per media outlet.
- Access will be determined in accordance with the audience data of the media outlets which the photographer represents, and one of them shall be from Agencia EFE. Their credentials will be managed following the regular procedures in due time and proper form established by LaLiga.
- The installation of remote cameras behind the goals is not permitted.
- Photographers shall be located behind the goals in the blue zone of the stands, with a perimeter marked for them in order to carry out their jobs. Moving from one goal to another at half-time will not be permitted, and nor will using the club rooms to make their deliveries.
- They must present themselves at the assigned entrance 30-60 minutes before the start of the match. They must wait

there to be accompanied to their authorised positions by staff assigned for this purpose.

- Occupation of the positions shall be strictly in accordance with the order of arrival at the stadium within the established times.
- Changing positions at half-time will not be permitted.
- Technical equipment may only be used once they have taken up their final positions.

### C. Radio stations

- Access will be granted to a maximum of six radio stations, as follows:
  - Radio Nacional de España.
  - National-reach radio stations, both broad interest and sports: 4
  - Regional and/or local-reach radio stations, which regularly follow the home club: 1

Their credentials will be managed following the regular procedures in due time and proper form established by LaLiga.

- In provinces where the five radio stations with the largest audience include a radio station other than the national ones, its accreditation may be assessed, permitting it to be one of the radio stations to access the stadium.
- Access will be granted to two radio stations which provide coverage of the away team and which are among the five radio stations with the largest audience in the autonomous community (in addition to the five accredited national radio stations, the regional radio station of the home team and, in those autonomous communities in which the five radio stations with the largest audience include a radio station other than the national ones, its accreditation may be assessed, permitting it to be one of the radio stations to enter the stadium).
- Duplicating positions for each business group will not be permitted, with access limited to a single position for each radio station.

- Approval of credentials requested by the media will be managed in accordance with objective audience data criteria.
- Only one person per radio station may receive credentials, with the possibility of a maximum of two technicians from LaLiga entering per match to provide support to all of the accredited radio stations.
- The radio stations will be located in the booths installed for this purpose, and the commentator may forgo wearing a face mask during commentary.
- In the event that there are no booths in the stadium, desks will be used, maintaining social distancing.
- The positions authorised in the stands must be located in the stand along the camera axis.
- They must present themselves at the assigned door 60-90 minutes before the start of the match, and they must wait there to be accompanied to their authorised positions by staff assigned for this purpose.
- Technical equipment may only be used once they have taken up their final positions.
- They may apply to take part in the remote press conference after each match.

#### **D. Print media**

- Access will be granted to a maximum of six media outlets.
- Access will be granted to two print media outlets which provide coverage of the away team (one person per media outlet) and who are among the media outlets with the largest audience in the autonomous community (in addition to the six accredited local media outlets).
- Duplicating positions for each business group will not be permitted.
- Approval of credentials requested by the media will be managed in accordance with objective audience data criteria.
- The positions provided in the stands will comply with safe distances.

- They must present themselves at the assigned door 30-45 minutes before the start of the match, and they must wait there to be accompanied to their authorised positions by staff assigned for this purpose.
- They may apply to take part in the remote press conference after each match.

National audiovisual communications service providers without rights, national radio stations and the print media may virtually take part in the post-match press conference held after each game.

LaLiga will take applications via the Credentials Portal from national television networks without rights, radio stations and the print media who wish to take part.

To do so, on the credentials portal, in a specific section when applying for matchday credentials, it will be necessary to apply to participate in this press conference and provide the details of the journalist who will take part with their e-mail address (only one journalist per media outlet). A link will be sent to this e-mail address together with the technical instructions for accessing it.

It will be the responsibility of each club, both home and away, to moderate this press conference, as has been the case in-person previously.

In the matches in which FC Barcelona are playing as the home team, the home club will manage access to the virtual press conference and, therefore, press who wish to access it, both for the home and visiting club, must contact the club's press department.

In the matches where Real Madrid and Getafe CF are playing at home, the print media must contact these clubs to request credentials for the remote press conference.

### **13.7 Access to images from the post-match press conference**

LaLiga will make it possible for the media to access images from the post-match press conferences.

To do so, the credentials department will establish an FTP address, where the appearances will be uploaded approximately one hour after the end of the final one, both for LaLiga Santander and LaLiga SmartBank.

## **13. ANNEXES**

### **14.1 Definition of an outbreak within a club<sup>45</sup>**

The existence of an outbreak within the club will be determined when there is a group of three or more cases with an active infection detected simultaneously or over a short space of time (up to 72 hours) in which there are logical indications of an epidemiological connection.

When conducting an initial analysis of the epidemiological connection between confirmed cases, the club's medical services and the occupational risk prevention services must use the close contacts report produced by these, the control of positive cases produced by each club, as well as any other information which may be relevant. In the event that any doubt exists, the risk of an outbreak will be considered to exist and isolation measures will be activated.

The final classification on the existence of an outbreak within a club must fall to the competent health authorities.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of an outbreak, in its supervisory role LaLiga will produce a preliminary report on the events, which it must submit to the CSD within 24 hours of it being detected.

### **14.2 Definition of a close contact**

As indicated in the government guide "COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy", a close contact is classified as:

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<sup>45</sup> The competition rules for the 2020/21 season include mechanisms for the proper development of the competition in the event of incidents related to the epidemiological situation.

- Anyone who has provided care to a case: social or healthcare personnel who have not used the adequate protective measures, family members, or persons who have another type of similar contact.
- Any person who has been in the same place as a case, at a distance of less than two metres (e.g. cohabitants, visitors) during more than 15 minutes.
- A close contact on a plane, train or other means of transport (and whenever it is possible to access the identification of the travellers) will be considered any person situated within a radius of two seats around a case and the crew or equivalent personnel who have contact with said case.

The period to be taken into consideration will be two days before the onset of symptoms of the case until the time that the case is isolated. In asymptomatic cases confirmed by PCR, contacts will be sought from two days before the date of diagnosis.

## 14.2 Action in the event of a positive case on Day 1 of the preseason

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the PCR tests conducted in the initial Day 1 medical tests, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:<sup>46</sup>

1. Isolate the positive case for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>47</sup>
2. Report the positive case to:
  - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.
  - b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>48</sup>
3. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of the close contacts<sup>49,50</sup> of the positive cases among teammates and employees in the 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case

<sup>46</sup> That which is considered as such in each territory based on the situation of the country.

<sup>47</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>48</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>49</sup> In accordance with the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>50</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.

4. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities, they must be isolated for at least 14 days<sup>51</sup> from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>52</sup>
5. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
6. The facilities must be disinfected.
7. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
8. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
  - a. Negative PCR.
  - b. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
9. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test and a serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

### 14.3 Action in the event of a positive case from Day 4 of the preseason onwards

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the PCR tests conducted in the medical tests on Day 4 of the preseason, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:

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<sup>51</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>52</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)



1. Isolate the positive case<sup>53</sup> for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>54</sup>
2. Report the positive case to:
  - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.
  - b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>55</sup>
3. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of close contacts<sup>56,57</sup> of positive cases among teammates and employees in the 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.
4. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities, they must be isolated for at least 14 days<sup>58</sup> from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>59</sup>
5. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
6. The facilities must be disinfected.
7. Whether to repeat the PCR test on the entire group as soon as possible will be evaluated together with the club medical services.

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<sup>53</sup> Persons who have already had a SARS-CoV-2 infection confirmed by PCR in the previous 6 months will be exempt from undergoing quarantine. With a view to their reincorporation into the team's activities, a negative PCR test will be required at least 24 hours after the supposed positive, or a positive serological IgG test regardless of the PCR result. (Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>54</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>55</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>56</sup> In accordance with the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>57</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

<sup>58</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>59</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

8. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
9. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
  - a. Negative PCR.
  - b. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
10. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test + serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

#### 14.4 Action in the event of a positive case during the competition period

In the event that the person who conducts the tests detects a positive result in the antigen tests and it is confirmed by PCR, the indications below must be followed, always under the oversight of the competent health authority:

15. Isolate the positive case<sup>60</sup> for at least 10 days from the date when the sample was taken, provided that they do not develop symptoms. In the event that they develop symptoms, isolation must be maintained until three days after the subsidence of fever and the clinical manifestation with a minimum of 10 days from the onset of symptoms.<sup>61</sup>
16. Report the positive case to:
  - a. The Department of Health of the corresponding Autonomous Community through the form established for this purpose.
  - b. LaLiga in an anonymised fashion.<sup>62</sup>
17. The club medical services are required to conduct tracing of close contacts<sup>63,64</sup> of positive cases among teammates and employees in the

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<sup>60</sup> Persons who have already had a COVID-19 infection confirmed by PCR in the previous 6 months will be exempt from undergoing quarantine. With a view to their reincorporation into the team's activities, a negative PCR test will be required at least 24 hours after the supposed positive, or a positive serological IgG test regardless of the PCR result. (Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>61</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

<sup>62</sup> And it will report it in an anonymised fashion to the CSD.

<sup>63</sup> In accordance with the definition of a close contact stipulated by the Ministry of Health (Section B.1; Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#))

<sup>64</sup> Ministry of Health: [Action procedure for occupational risk prevention services in the face of exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)

- 48 hours prior to when the test which diagnosed the positive case was conducted, as well as close contacts from when the test was conducted until notification by the laboratory. This report, which should be anonymised and contain aggregate information on a statistical level, must be submitted to LaLiga.
18. LaLiga will establish a support service with a view to identifying potential close contacts within the club.
  19. If any close contacts exist within the club, following the instructions of the pertinent health authorities, they must be isolated for at least 14 days<sup>65</sup> from their last contact with the confirmed case, and they will be subjected to the same tests as the positive case. After 10 days since last contact with the case, a PCR test may be conducted, and the quarantine may be suspended in the event of a negative result.<sup>66</sup>
  20. Rapid tests will be supplied to the clubs so that they can conduct tests on family members. In the event a positive IgM is detected, the possibility of conducting PCR tests on these persons through the nearest Synlab centres will be placed at the club's disposal.
  21. The facilities must be disinfected.
  22. A PCR test shall be conducted on the same group as soon as possible in the event that the positive result is detected in the pre-match antigen test (48 hours before the match).
  23. If the positive case is a player and it is detected in the pre-match tests (48 hours before the match), the rest of the team will only be permitted to engage in individual training until the results of the PCR tests are available. Use of the gym and physiotherapy treatments will remain prohibited. In any event, no person will travel with a PCR result pending.
  24. In the event that a new positive is detected, the same action protocol will be followed with the second positive as with the initial positive. In this case, the rest of the team who have two negative results will continue with the match planning and travel (if applicable) established once the close contacts are identified by the club's medical services. In any event, no person will travel with a result pending.
  25. If the team has played a LaLiga match in the 48 hours prior to when the tests which revealed a positive case were conducted, an analysis of the match will be performed by means of the LaLiga Mediacoach tool in order to determine the potential contacts which the players may have had between them during the match.

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<sup>65</sup> Ministry of Health: [COVID-19 early detection, surveillance and control strategy](#)

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26. The PCR and serological tests will be conducted on the positive case 10 days after the first test was conducted, provided they have gone three days without presenting symptoms. In the event that they present symptoms, this test must be conducted when they have gone three days without them.
27. This person may re-join the team activities if on conducting these tests, one of the following results is obtained:
  - c. Negative PCR.
  - d. Positive PCR, but a positive serological IgG.
28. In the event that neither of these two cases arises, a PCR test and a serological test must be repeated three days later, until one of the two situations occurs, and they may then re-join the team activities.

It is important to note that, in the case that a positive result is detected in the antigen tests over the course of the week, the following must be taken into account:

- **Detection of a positive result in the 1st or 2nd test:** Coordinated by LaLiga, a PCR retest shall be conducted on the positive case as soon as possible.
- **Detection of positive result in the 3rd test or pre-match test (48 hours before the match):** a PCR retest shall be conducted, coordinated by LaLiga, as soon as possible on the entire team. No travel may begin until the PCR results are obtained.
- **Detection of a positive result in the 4th test:** The positive case shall be isolated, as will their close contacts, and the rest of the team will travel (in the case of the away team) or begin the pre-match gathering (in the case of the home team) in order to play the match.

#### 14.5 Repeal of previous protocols

With the approval of this protocol for the 2020/21 season by the Delegate Commission, the protocols for training and matches behind closed doors which were in effect during the end of the 2019/20 season are partially repealed.

#### 14.6 Penalty regime in the event of noncompliance with the protocol

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous sections, following the detection and confirmation of an individual case or multiple contagions, or an outbreak as described in Section 14.1 of this protocol, when LaLiga concludes that there may have been negligence or impropriety on the part of a player or club, and regardless of the epidemiological effects that the outbreak or contagions may have on the team, this must be passed on the Social Discipline Judge calling for the initiation of the corresponding disciplinary file. The same will apply when the player or the club conceal information from LaLiga, where failure to report information to LaLiga, including due to forgetfulness or negligence, beyond 24 hours subsequent to becoming aware of the positive case or the alleged infraction shall also be understood as concealment. All of the above is without prejudice to evidence of possible crimes, in which case the club or LaLiga will report it to the competent authorities.
2. Said disciplinary file will be classed as urgent, activating it on non-working days and cutting deadlines in half, and the Social Discipline Judge may adopt, at the request of LaLiga, the provisional measures which, without prejudicing the final decision, ensure that the interests of the integrity of the competition are safeguarded and the state of health sought by this protocol is safeguarded.
3. All of the above is without prejudice to LaLiga's obligation to immediately report the events which originate the file to the CSD so that it may adopt the measures which it deems necessary, within the scope of its competence.
4. Likewise, LaLiga will also report any file which it may open due to any noncompliance with the obligations foreseen in this protocol.

#### **14.7 Reporting of positive cases of infection with SARS-CoV-2**

The obligation is established to report to LaLiga all positive cases detected of infection with SARS-CoV-2, whether through centralised testing by LaLiga or any other test administered privately by the club.

Reports shall exclude any information which permits their identification or makes the subjects affected identifiable, and must only include the information which makes it possible to know whether the positive case is a member of the club's squad or staff and the date on which the test was conducted. In the event of the detection of an outbreak, the CSD must be

informed in an anonymised fashion during the first 24 hours from becoming aware of its existence.

#### **14.8 Criteria for managing travel in the 2020/21 season (COVID-19 period)**

Given that in accordance with Section 10 of the unified training and competition protocol for the 2020/21 season, transport will go back to being contracted by the clubs/SADs, LaLiga, as applicable, considers it necessary to provide during the term of the protocol a uniform application which ensures the effectiveness of the preventive measures against contagion by COVID-19 and, at the same time, to alleviate the extraordinary efforts which the clubs/SADs must assume resulting from its implementation.

In order to establish these criteria for managing travel, LaLiga has taken into account the clubs' travel history; that is, how they have normally travelled to the different cities in Spain in recent seasons and in those cases where as a result of the application of the protocol a substantial variation is produced on that form of travel, LaLiga will compensate the clubs/SADs in accordance with the following requirements and conditions (in cases where no precedent exists for the travel of a club/SAD to a specific destination, a similar case will be sought and used as a reference):

As a general rule, in no case will travel be permitted on regular flights, regular trains (except with carriages for the exclusive use of the club and special entry to the stations) or by coach when the distances are greater than 450 km in order to ensure the health and safety of the delegation and the integrity of the competition in accordance with the provisions of the protocol.

As such, for the purpose of quantifying the compensation, the following criteria will apply:

- In the event that said travel used to be performed on a regular flight or by any other means other than a charter: LaLiga will verify the cost of said travel during the last three seasons, and the equivalent cost of the means habitually used by the club will be discounted from the compensation.

- For clubs which cannot provide evidence for the cost of these means of transport for any reason (e.g. because they have not participated in the division, or it is a trip which they have not made before, etc.) during the last three seasons, the costs and information available from other comparable clubs/SADS may be applied.

## 14.9 Criteria for entering the field of play

Entering the field of play will be regulated as follows:

- **Order of entering the field of play**

The provision applied in games behind closed doors last season is maintained, whereby the home team enters the field of play first, followed by the match officials and the away team last.

- **Tunnel**

Players from the two teams must not congest the tunnel.

The home team, who will enter the pitch first, will position themselves at the front of the tunnel, followed by the match officials and the away team in the rear part of the tunnel or the vestibule.

If the tunnel is not long enough, the away team will wait in their dressing room for the home team to go out.

Players must not line up alongside each other in tunnels which are not wide enough (at least two metres between players from each team). If the tunnel provides adequate separation, there is no problem with them waiting to come out alongside each other.

If possible, the players from the same team must maintain adequate separation between them in the line.

- **Line-up**

Once the players enter the field of play, they will arrange themselves for the line-up, keeping a distance of at least two metres between each other.

The formation if the line-up of both teams will be maintained for at least 10 seconds to allow the television cameras to capture the shot.

The teams and match officials will not shake hands.

- **Team photo**

The team photo is permitted as long as the players maintain the maximum safe distance possible between them and, in any event, avoid physical contact between the players. For this, the clubs will be permitted to use two advertising boards to cover a base of up to six metres.

The photo of the captains and the match officials may be taken with the same social distancing conditions.

For the team and match officials/captains photos, in the moments prior to the start of the match, access to the main stands will only be authorised for photographers from the two clubs and LaLiga, and they must take up their normal positions in the stand behind the goals before the start of the match.

#### **14.10 Management of tests of players from reserve teams and/or affiliate clubs**

With regard to the relationship between the players from the reserves with the first team, and in relation to the Competition Rules agreed between the RFEF and LaLiga, the indications below must be followed:

- A minimum of 10 players from the reserves must be selected, who will be those who are capable of alternating training sessions with the first team so that they may travel or be called up to the first team.
- The players who regularly train with the first team are obliged to submit themselves to the same test dynamics as the players from the first team. The rest of the players from the reserves, up to a minimum of 10, must undergo at least the PCR test prior to the corresponding LaLiga match.
- In the event that they alternate between the first team and the reserves, they may only be absent from the team activities for two days. In the event that they spend more than two days absent from the team activities, they must undergo an extraordinary PCR test (to be conducted by the club) and may not re-join the activities of the first team until they have received a negative result.
- In the above case, under no circumstances may the player use the dressing room with the reserves. In this case, regardless of having spent less than two days with the reserves, they must undergo a **test** (to be



conducted by the club) and not train with the first team until they know the result.

### 14.11 Stadium access testing operations.

#### Antigen tests

Antigen tests are diagnostic tests which detect the presence of proteins (called antigens) on the surface of the virus. They also allow for results to be obtained in a very short space of time (approximately 15 minutes).

#### What will the procedure be on the day of the match?

In each of the LaLiga stadiums, the clubs must establish a zone to conduct these tests, which must be isolated so as to avoid contact with other people who are in the stadium exterior (each stadium is different, with different locations and characteristics).

For this reason, wherever possible, the tests must be performed in a zone established in the stadium interior.

Separate zones will be established:

- **Zone 1: MEDICAL TESTS**
  - Antigen tests will be performed in this zone.
  - Composition:
    - There will be a person in charge of access control.
    - Temperatures will be taken before accessing it.
    - Two or three stations will be installed for conducting the test.
    - Waste collection containers will be installed.
    - Social distancing shall be respected at all times, masks shall be worn and hand sanitiser shall be used.
  
- **Zone 2: WAITING AREA**

- Personnel will wait for their test results in this zone.
- Social distancing shall be respected and entry credentials will be provided upon passing the test.

### Who must undergo these tests?

#### GREEN ZONE

	Number of personnel	Entity responsible for conducting the test
Match officials	4	RFEF
Players	22	Club/In situ
Substitutes and non-matchday squad players	24	Club/In situ
Coaching and medical staff	30	Club/In situ
Ball assistants	4	Club/In situ
Sporting director	2	Club/In situ
Security director of the clubs (***)	2	Club/In situ
Pitch delegate (***)	1	Club/In situ
Main contact (***)	3	Club/In situ
Match directors	2	Club/In situ
Groundsmen	5	Club/In situ
Communications director (***)	2	Club/In situ
Health/Red Cross personnel	6	Club/In situ
Private security	6	Club/In situ
TV production + TV rights	7	Club/In situ
VAR technicians	2	Club/In situ
LaLiga personnel	1	Club/In situ
Cleaning staff	2	Club/In situ
Anti-doping personnel	2	Club/In situ
National police	**	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	

#### BLUE ZONE

	Number of personnel	Entity responsible for

		conducting the test
Private security	14	Club/In situ
Home directors	20	Club/In situ
Away directors	10	Club/In situ
LaLiga auxiliary inspector	2	Club/In situ
RFEF federation delegate	**	----
UCO police	**	
UCO technicians	2	Club/In situ
Red Cross health workers	4	Club/In situ
Official data and Mediacoach	4	Club/In situ
LaLiga personnel	1	Club/In situ
TV production	32	Club/In situ
Movistar + production	15	Club/In situ
Other broadcasters with rights	8	Club/In situ
Official club personnel	16	Club/In situ
Club media personnel (4H+4A)	8	Club/In situ
Club TV/production companies (2H+2A)	4	Club/In situ
Club media assistance (4H)	4	Club/In situ
LaLiga assistance	1	Club/In situ
Cleaning staff	4	Club/In situ
Stadium maintenance	6	Club/In situ
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>	

### When must each group undergo the tests?

Time slots will be established for conducting these tests, based on each group's stadium entry time. The following dynamic will be followed:

- Day before the match
  - o Initial setup pool staff.
- 6/8 hours before the match
  - o General staff
- 2 hours before the match
  - o Club staff.

### What are the material requirements?

As explained in previous points, the medical tests will be conducted in an area established by the club at the stadium itself, preferably in its interior.

Materials and staff required to conduct the tests in each tent:

- **Zone 1**

Materials

- Hand sanitiser (to be placed at the entrance)
- Signage (indication of distances)
- Queue separation (belt barriers)
- Chairs and stools in each testing station
- Ancillary tables for each station
- Medical equipment
- Antigen tests

Staff

- Head of access control
- Medical staff

- **Zone 2**

Materials

- Hand sanitiser
- Signage

Staff

- Head of credentials delivery

**Stages of the process**

**1.** Persons will access the zone. The head of security, located at the entrance and assigned by the club, will coordinate the orderly entry of personnel.

Social distancing of 1.5 metres will be maintained at all times.

**2.** Personnel will be called by the medical staff to conduct the antigen tests.

**3.** Personnel will wait approximately 10-15 minutes for the test results.

**4.** Once the results are known, the person will be called to the table where they will be informed of their test result.

- Positive result: the person must immediately vacate the premises and will be separated.
- Negative result: a medical certificate and stadium entrance credentials will be provided.

Finally, they will leave the zone fit to access the stadium and head to their work area.