



## HEALTH-CARE COVERAGE OF THE ARAB RADIO AND TELEVISION FESTIVAL

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### COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOL

Due to the rapid spread of Covid-19, hosting major events such as the Arab Radio and Television Festival would increase the likelihood of infection with the virus. For this reason, the Ministry of Health sets up this health protocol in order to limit virus transmission, ensure that safety at the event is maintained, and preserve the health and well-being of all participants. This protocol includes two categories of measures:

- General safety precautions for all festival sites
- Special procedures for sites and activities

#### **A - General safety precautions**

- Social distancing: A distance of at least one meter must be maintained between people
- Mandatory wearing of face masks
- Installing hand sanitizer dispensers in all spaces
- Ventilating and cleaning activity premises on a regular basis
- Displaying posters to remind participants of safety precautions
- Ensuring the implementation of all safety precautions by the site officials

## **Special Procedures**

### **1. Before boarding the plane**

- Fill in the mandatory information required on [>>> \(EHMI BORDER\)](https://app.e7mi.tn/travelers/add) relating to the Health Declaration form and the commitment form that will be submitted to the Tunisian health services upon arrival
- Mandatory presentation of an RT-PCR test result, within 72 hours prior to arrival
- Mandatory presentation of a Covid-19 vaccination certificate
- Providing a Covid-19 travel insurance contract

### **2. Upon arrival at the airport**

- Noncontact body temperature measurement
- Presenting the Health Declaration form and the commitment form for the Tunisian health services
- Presenting a vaccination certificate and a negative PCR test
- Submitting to a COVID-19 screening testing (RST); there are three possibilities that can be identified by the test result:
  - o Negative test in an asymptomatic traveler: the traveler can participate in the event
  - o Negative test in a symptomatic traveler: a PCR test is conducted and the traveler is required to stay in his/her hotel room until the test result is issued
  - o Positive test: The traveler cannot participate in the event with a mandatory 10-day quarantine in a hotel designated for this purpose at his own expense.

### **3. In hotels**

#### **3.1 Transportation to hotels:**

The number of passengers should not exceed 50 percent of the capacity of mass transportation, with the obligation to wear a mask

#### **3.2 Hotel accommodation**

- Implementing the health protocol issued by the Ministry of Tourism and approved by the Ministry of Health
- RST taken upon registration for those who did not take this test at the airport
- RST after 48 hours according to the instructions of the medical board.

#### **4. Works sites**

- Noncontact body temperature measurement when entering the halls.
- Covid-19 RST upon registration for those who have not taken the test at the airport and hotels. Only those who have taken the test are allowed entry
- Reducing by 50 percent the seating capacity in spaces, while observing a one-meter distance between seats and a two-meter distance between tables, with emphasis on periodic work room ventilation and cleaning.

#### **Other activities and cultural visits**

- Implementing the health protocol issued by the Ministry of Culture and approved by the Ministry of Health
- Pre-designated sites
- Reducing by 50 percent the number of site visitors

#### **5. Special cases**

##### **5.1 Participants from Tunisia**

Upon arrival at the hotel or at the work sites, each participant must comply with the following health measures:

- Mandatory noncontact body temperature measurement
- Mandatory presentation of a vaccination certificate
- Covid-19 RST to obtain approval to participate in the Event

##### **5.2 Suspected cases of COVID-19**

Each participant showing symptoms of Covid 19 must undergo testing for Covid and must self-quarantine in the hotel or in a designated space at the work sites until test results are released:

- Negative test result: the participant can join the activities of the festival, with the obligation to respect the general safety precautions.
- Positive test result: Mandatory quarantine in a single room in a designated quarantine hotel, with continuous follow-up by the medical team on the spot.

Regarding patients who need intensive medical care, they are accommodated in designated health institutions (according to the festival's health coverage protocol).

## **Other special health facilities for the festival**

### **1. Health protection and preservation of the environment**

This activity is carried out by the services of the Ministry of Health in coordination with the supervisors of all the festival spaces such as residences, work sites and areas for visits. The work of the sanitation teams begins a week before the festival, in order to inspect the sites, remove deficiencies, if any, and ensure that they are avoided before the start of the event and the arrival of the guests.

The work of these teams continues throughout the festival to monitor food safety and cleanliness of the premises until the last guests have left, with daily reports submitted to the supervisory authority.

### **2. Festival Medical coverage**

There are public and private hospital centers in Tunis, where festival participants can receive treatments when needed.

Fixed and mobile medical units will be temporarily installed in some of the festival sites (accommodation and works), and they will be available 24 hours a day from 18 to 23 October 2021 to ensure the immediate handling of emergency cases and to arrange for the transfer of patients to health institutions to receive the necessary medical care.

As to participants following medical treatment, they are required to carry their medication with them along with a prescription to present when treatment needs to be renewed.

Visitors are required to pay all expenses for the health services they receive (excluding emergency treatments at the medical centers installed at the festival premises). Participants in the festival are therefore required to provide personal insurance cover for illness and accidents before coming to Tunisia.

### **Rescue and emergency service numbers:**

- **Tourist Police: 197**
- **Emergency medicine: 190**
- **Civil protection: 198**

## **Useful Links:**

<http://www.santetunisie.rns.tn/fr/> (situation épidémiologique et mesures générales de prévention prises par le comité national de lutte contre le coronavirus)

<https://onmne.tn/situation-epidemiologique-et-mesures-generales-de-prevention-prises-par-le-comite-national-de-lutte-contre-le-coronavirus>

<http://www.tourisme.gov.tn/fileadmin/PSTT/PSTT-SYNTHESE.pdf>(le protocole sanitaire du Ministère tourisme)

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