

Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships 2021 Kitakyushu



Regular Updates on COVID-19 Pandemic Status in the Host Country based on Global Pandemic Situation and Guidelines by Government of Japan

Date: September 7, 2021

Evaluation of Risk Level based on the WHO Criteria	Low Risk
Guest Accreditation	Not allowed (Final Decision)
Observer Accreditation	Not allowed (Final Decision)
On-site participation of the International Media and NF communication staff	To be decided by the Government
Criteria for Participants entering Japan	TBC

Other Remarks:

<https://toyokeizai.net/sp/visual/tko/covid19/en.html>

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/liveblogs/news/coronavirus-outbreak-updates/>

COVID-19 Protocol

1. COVID-19 Situation in Japan and Kitakyushu

The latest upsurge, the fifth wave in Japan, started in the middle of July, just in line with the Tokyo Olympic Games. According to the COVID-19 review of the Tokyo Olympics, there was only one infection among about 2,000 international participants to the three gymnastics disciplines in the Games.

As of September 5, the upward trajectory of the newly infected number seems to be turning downward. The R0 is now 0.82 though it needs to be monitored closely. The COVID-19 situation in Fukuoka prefecture, where the City of Kitakyushu situates, is similar to the whole county. The city's health authority predicts the healthcare supply in the town will become better by the end of September.

Regarding the virus variant in Japan and the area, the Delta variant has become dominant now. Therefore, the LOC recommends people travel to Kitakyushu take vaccinated even though we have learned there are breakthrough cases among fully vaccinated people.

The percentages of vaccinated people in the local community are more than 90% for the elderly and 40-50% for middle age by the end of August. The local governments are trying to accelerate the vaccination for all citizens.

2. Entry to Japan
The LOC is currently in the process of working with several ministries on the procedures of entering Japan and on the easing of mandatory requirement to quarantine upon arrival.
3. Testing upon arrival to Japan
As per requirement of the government, persons entering Japan will be tested for COVID-19 at the port of arrival (Narita or Haneda airport) .
4. Transportation from the entry airport to Kitakyushu
Transportation from the entry airport, either Haneda or Narita in Tokyo area, to Kitakyushu is also among the topics the LOC is working on with the ministries.
5. Testing upon arrival at the hotel
In accordance with the request by the local and national governments, the LOC will conduct COVID-19 testing of the person upon arrival at the hotel in Kitakyushu. Only after the negative results of the tests are confirmed, will the person be allowed to leave the hotel for the training, within the limits of the bubble system. The LOC is currently in discussion with the government concerning the frequency of COVID-19 testing whilst in Japan.

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