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Below is a non-exhaustive overview of the currently valid legislation most relevant for JFCNP and its personnel. Some of the measures listed below may be waived in a more restricted way by the Region's Governors, also with respect to only part of the regional territory, in case of clusters, particularly serious COVID outbreak, or outbreak of COVID variants.

Personnel should be aware that the regional authorities and national ministries will adopt measures specific to various activities. JFCNP personnel must respect the protocols adopted and continue to follow recommended public hygiene and physical distancing measures at all times, as indicated on the JFCNP website.

Any questions about current Italian legislative requirements should be addressed to the LEGAD but personnel are encouraged to first attempt to resolve issues within their respective NSEs.

1. Green Pass COVID 19:

The Italian Government will issue a Green Pass to Italian citizens who:

- have received the first vaccination shot (if two are required), validity from the fifteenth day after the first shot and until second shot ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have completed the cycle of any of the vaccinations accepted by the Italian and EU Health authorities (two doses for Pfizer, Moderna, Astrazeneca, one dose for Johnson&Johnson, Novavax), validity of 6 months ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have received the booster dose, validity of indefinite duration ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have recovered from COVID and have not received ANY vaccination dose, validity of six months from recovery ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have recovered from COVID at least 14 days after the first dose of vaccine, validity of six months from recovery ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have recovered from COVID after the second dose or after the booster dose of vaccine, validity of indefinite duration ("reinforced Green Pass");
- have undergone a molecular swab test (validity of 72 hours) or an antigenic/rapid test (validity of 48 hours) ("basic Green Pass").

The Green Pass can be downloaded under the form of a QR code and utilized through own mobile device, or printed.

Individuals who have specific medical issues may be unable to receive the COVID vaccination. In any such cases, the family doctor or the doctors who provide the COVID vaccination will issue a medical certificate, which will exonerate the individual from the requirement of the Green Pass. Based on this medical certification, individuals may

also obtain an electronic certification and QR code, and use it under the same modalities as the Green Pass.

Please note that passes of exemption from the COVID vaccination will not be accepted to embark international flights.

COVID vaccination has been approved by the public health authorities and is open to children aged 5-11 years. Vaccinated children will receive a Green Pass, but up to the age of 12 they will remain exempt from this requirement to be able to access places and activities for which a Green Pass is legally required.

Non-Italian individuals will be issued Green Passes (for citizens of the other EU countries) or equivalent certifications by their respective national authorities in accordance with their national legislation.

Non-Italian individuals who have been vaccinated abroad with one of the five vaccines authorized by the European Medicines Agency – EMA (Pfizer, Johnson&Johnson, Novavax, Moderna, AstraZeneca) and reside in Italy for work or study reasons may request the release of a Green Pass in Italy. In any case, the vaccine certifications issued by the competent foreign health authorities based on one of the five vaccines authorized by EMA as well as based on the others legally recognized as equivalent*, are also considered legally valid within the Italian territory. To be valid, these vaccination certifications will need to include: holder's data, data relevant to the vaccination, date of vaccination, data relevant to the country which issued the certification; they will have to be in at least one of the following languages: Italian, English, French, Spanish, or German. Please note that not all the above vaccination certifications are legally sufficient to enter the Italian territory coming from abroad.

*See Ministry of Public Health Circular dated 23 September 2021.

Individuals coming from another country who are in possession of a certificate proving either recovery, or vaccination with a vaccine authorized by the Italian authorities or recognized as equivalent, will be allowed within the Italian territory to have access to all the activities for which a reinforced Green Pass is mandatory; and in case such certificate is older than six months, an additional swab test (antigenic or molecular) will be required for the purpose. If the individual has recovered after at least two doses of vaccine, the additional swab test is not required.

On the other hand, individuals coming from another country who are in possession of a certificate proving vaccination with a vaccine neither authorized nor recognized by the Italian authorities will always be required to undergo a swab test in order to be allowed to have access to all the activities for which a reinforced Green Pass is required.

Obligation for individuals above 50 years of age to get COVID vaccination, previously valid until 15 June 2022, has not been extended. Those who have not complied at the time when the obligation was in force will still receive the fine which was envisioned by law (€100).

Some categories of workers have a vaccination obligation regardless of age (sanitary, defense, police, school, etc.).

2. International Travel

Travelers are not subject to Green Pass requirement nor to any other specific requirement related to COVID in order to have access to the Italian territory.

Although currently in gradual improvement, the epidemiological situation is under constant review; Italian legislation on international travels may be subject to changes in the future. Furthermore, each of the other countries may have its own legislation and restrictions on travels. It is strongly recommended, therefore, to closely monitor Italian legislation as well as to get information on legal requirements imposed to travelers by the destination country before traveling.

2.1 Travels from People's Republic of China

Until 31 January 2023, travelers coming from People's Republic of China are required to:

- before boarding, provide documentation proving that within the previous 72 hours they have tested negative to a molecular test (48 hours for antigenic tests);
- undergo a further antigenic swab test at their arrival, at the airport;
- in case they test positive, undergo a molecular swab test, and proceed with self-isolation. Self-isolation may end only after testing negative again.

The above measures do not apply to identified categories of individuals, such as (but not limited to): children below 6 years of age; military personnel; officers of European Union and other International Organizations.

3. Measures and restrictions applicable within Italian territory, to include travel:

The national Government has identified sanitary protocols, measures and restrictions that will apply to the entire national territory regardless of any provision specifically applicable to an identified area within the national territory.

The Regional Governors have the authority to identify further, more stringent measures or restrictions to be applied to the regional territory, or to parts of it. These measures will add up to those already in place due to the national legislation.

For information regarding Green Pass requirements, if any, please refer to paragraphs 1 and 2.

Until **30 April 2023** it is mandatory to use masks in the following locations:

All sanitary facilities, hospitals, hospices, old people's homes, medical clinic/firms. Obligation applies to workers, patients and visitors.

Individuals are allowed to use "FFP2" masks, surgical masks or other masks, as long as they cover nose and mouth and are made from proper materials (comfortable for breathing but able to work as a barrier).

Possible obligation to wear masks within workplaces is subject to specific agreed protocols, such as the one agreed between the employers' organizations and major Unions. Employers are anyway responsible for ensuring the health and safety in their work place and are due to perform their assessment on use of mask on a case by case basis.

Children below six years and individuals otherwise not fully self-sufficient are exempted from the requirement but must be carefully monitored.

Use of masks is not required while performing sport activities, but interpersonal distance must be observed.

Use of masks alone is not sufficient and must be accompanied by the prescribed additional sanitary measures, namely interpersonal distance and constant and accurate hand hygiene.

Individuals who have respiratory infection with temperature of 37, 5 degrees or above must stay home and contact the family doctor.

Productive, commercial and industrial activities will apply the respective, agreed protocols on the sanitary measures to be implemented in the workplace.

Access to public parks and gardens, and to playgrounds and children's recreational areas is allowed in accordance with approved sanitary rules and protocols and without any gatherings.

Access to places of worship and participation to religious functions is admitted with the modalities established in the protocols jointly agreed upon by the Government and the representatives of the various denominations.

Private employers that wish to organize smart working for their employees may agree with the competent workers' unions to follow the guidelines approved by the respective national associations, which allow more flexible law provisions in that regard.

Public employers do not have an obligation to organize their activities using the smart work modality, but can agree to do so with the individual worker.

4. Measures issued by Campania region Government:

National ordinances concerning use of masks and obligations imposed on those who travel from People's Republic of China are fully valid in Campania Region.

Campania Region Government also reiterates its strong recommendation to keep using masks in airports, on board of public transportation means and any indoor places, especially if it is impossible to maintain social distance.

5. Self-isolation:

For individuals who have tested positive but have always remained asymptomatic, self-isolation must last five days from the day they tested positive. There is no requirement for a negative swab test in order to end self-isolation at the end of the five days, however use of FFP2 mask is anyway mandatory for at least 10 days from positive test, or until individual tests negative. For these individuals (always asymptomatic) self-isolation can end even before 5 days in case they test negative to a swab test.

For individuals who have tested positive and have had symptoms, but have become asymptomatic for at least two days, self-isolation must last five days from the day they had the first symptoms. There is no requirement for a negative swab test in order to end self-isolation, however use of FFP2 mask is anyway mandatory for at least 10 days from positive test, or until individual tests negative.

Individuals who suffer from immunodepression as well as healthcare professionals are required to test negative before they can end their period of self-isolation.

Individuals who have had close contacts with other individuals who have been confirmed as being COVID positive and show no COVID symptoms are not obliged to self-isolate, but are required to a period of 10 days of self-observation: the individual is allowed to circulate and perform normal activities but must monitor health conditions and wear FFP2 mask at all times.

In cases where the individual who has had the closed contact with the COVID case should show any COVID symptoms, he/she is required to take a swab test.

6. Sanctions:

Violations of the above requirements may be punished with fines (from 400 to 3.000 euros) and criminal sanctions may be considered in the most serious cases.

7. Duty to Notify: If any JFCNP staff member or their family members begin to develop symptoms, or in cases where they have been in contact with positive or suspected positive COVID cases, they must immediately notify their family doctor by phone, the JFCNP Occupational Medicine Specialist via email (Nicola.olivieri@jfcnp.nato.int), their JFCNP chain of command, and their SNR.