

The President

For the attention of:

**Organisers of Men's and Women's UCI
calendar races**

Sent by email only

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Dear Sirs / Madams,

I write to you today in the light of the outbreak of pneumonia (Covid-19) linked to the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that is affecting part of the world's population, including the cycling family.

We met this morning with representatives of different members of the cycling family - teams, riders and organisers - to discuss the overall situation and to agree on the principles to be adopted in our sport in the context of this health crisis.

The UCI recalls that any decision taken aims to reduce the risk of infection for riders, team staff, the public and any other person involved in cycling and to prevent cycling from contributing to the spread of the coronavirus throughout the world.

First of all, the decision has been taken not to proceed with the cancellation of any events at this stage.

Any possible decision to cancel will be taken by the health authorities in the concerned regions depending on the evolution of the local situation and different risk factors identified. All members of the cycling family will be obliged to comply to any such decision.

For the events still taking place, it has been decided that each organiser must take a certain number of measures with the aim of limiting to a maximum the risk of the coronavirus spreading further. These include:

- increasing the distance between the public and riders, particularly in the start and finish zones;
- respecting a strict medical protocol, variable depending on the country, but in any case including a process for dealing with suspected cases and the provision of a detailed map of establishments capable of carrying out diagnostic tests for the coronavirus;
- limiting the number of teams staying in each hotel;

- respecting certain hygiene measures, for example avoiding the use of the same pen by riders signing in at the beginning of the race.

Further details will be provided by our Medical Director, Prof. Xavier Bigard (xavier.bigard@uci.ch).

Furthermore, should organisers be led, by decision of their authorities, to refuse certain teams or riders, we would be grateful if you could inform the UCI directly.

It is also possible that certain teams may be unable to take part in an event on the basis of valid reasons, which the UCI will have validated after having been informed. We would then take the necessary steps, on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that no team is penalised, either financially or when its sporting results are taken into account, particularly in the context of the assessment of its UCI WorldTeam or UCI ProTeam status.

It is extremely important that each team can inform us of any particular situation.

On our side, we would like to inform you that we are in permanent contact with all the stakeholders in order to quickly take the necessary decisions according to the evolution of the context linked to this virus.

If you have any questions, please contact your umbrella organisation (AIGCP) and/or the UCI (via its Sports Department - sportsdepartment@uci.ch and/or Xavier Bigard - xavier.bigard@uci.ch). You can count on us to communicate with you as often as necessary and we will ensure that you receive a prompt response.

I thank you for your input and remind you how important it is for us all to be united in the current context.

Best regards,



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Président

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