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**MATTER: 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

Instruction for Local Organizing Committees (LOC)

Dear LOC's of table tennis events!

The ITTF is very carefully following development of coronavirus. Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). Most coronaviruses are not dangerous. Some types of coronaviruses are serious, though.

A newly identified type, called the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), has caused a recent outbreak of respiratory illness that started in China. China is the absolute exclusive epicenter of this epidemic. Wuhan, where it all began, is closed in quarantine, but was initially connected to all the corners of the world and the virus carriers were able to travel anywhere.

As of February 1, this virus has spread in 25 countries. The ITTF would like to ask LOCs for the following measures in order to lower the chances of any spread.

1. The latest information should be obtained.

2019-nCoV has been spreading and has not reached the peak. The situation changes every moment. The latest information should be obtained from the following websites, and make a plan based on them.

**WHO**

Novel-Coronavirus

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

**ECDC**

**European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/novel-coronavirus-china>

**CDC**

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

2. We have to hold an international event in accordance with the policy of the host nation's government. If your country decides a new policy about a traveler's acceptance, please inform ITTF immediately.

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3. When accepting the player from the country where 2019-nCoV infection is breaking out, LOC should formulate appropriate countermeasures in advance.

(1) LOC should contract with the hospital which can treat the 2019-nCoV infection in advance.

4. Please arrange the following in a hotel.

(1) Masks

(2) Hand-washing disinfectant

(3) The education posters about the standard precaution.

Encouragement of hand washing.

Maintenance of moderate humidity in the room.

Recommendation of wearing the mask in crowded places.

(4) Please let players and coaches know "Emergency contact details".

5. Please prepare the following at the venue.

(1) Hand-washing disinfectant should be prepared at entrances.

(2) If possible, a thermography camera should be placed near the entrance.

(3) The education posters about the standard precaution.

Encouragement of hand washing.

Recommendation of wearing the mask in crowded places.

(4) Arrangement of a medical room and medical staffs

6. Please prepare the following at the venue – for spectators.

(1) Hand-washing disinfectant should be prepared at entrances. Please consider also option to have it on different entrance locations to the seats.

(2) If possible, a thermography camera should be placed near the main entrance.

(3) The education posters about the standard precaution.

Encouragement of hand washing.

Recommendation of wearing the mask in the spectators arena.

(4) Arrangement of a medical room (if possible extra room for visitors) and medical staffs

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