



INFORMATION FOR ALL AQUATIC ATHLETES VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19

The aim of this information sheet is to provide answers to a number of questions about COVID vaccination. This initiative is endorsed by the FINA COVID-19 Taskforce and Sports Medicine Committee.

Q. Is COVID vaccination compulsory?

A. NO

The availability of vaccine varies from country to country and there are a few individuals for whom vaccines are not well tolerated. The decision to become vaccinated is a personal one. However, FINA strongly encourages all athletes to consider the benefits of vaccination where this option is available and appropriate.

Q. Should I keep a record if I am vaccinated against COVID-19?

A. YES

You should ask your doctor for signed confirmation of your vaccination (date and specific vaccine) and keep this with your passport.

Q. Will the COVID vaccine have any effect on doping control?

A. NO

Current vaccines contain no prohibited substances and will not compromise a doping control test result.

Q. If I am vaccinated will I still be required to have routine COVID testing at a FINA event?

A. YES

Despite being vaccinated there is a very small chance that you could still be carrying some virus.

Q. Are there any side effects from the vaccine that may disrupt my training or performance in competition?

A. NO

Dependent upon the vaccine you may need two doses. These are usually 3 to 6 weeks apart and the second dose might leave you with a slight fever and muscle aches similar to a mild dose of influenza. Therefore we recommend you complete your vaccination schedule about 1 month from competition.

Q. Where do I go for any further information about COVID-19 vaccination?

A. There are a number of sources of information available through your National Health Authority. Be sure you receive information from a reliable site. And if you have specific sport-related questions please contact the FINA Office directly.

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