

FAQ's 2G

2G requirements for COVID-19:

➤ **What does 2G mean?**

2G stands for Geimpft (vaccinated) / Genesen (recovered from Covid) and is the German wording used to define specific requirements linked to COVID-19 to access special venues/ events, i.e. to be (i) either fully vaccinated (only vaccines accepted by the European Union: Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson and Oxford/AstraZeneca) or (ii) fully recovered. This needs to be demonstrated through a valid vaccination certificate or a valid certificate of recovery in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish language.

➤ **I'm vaccinated, is my vaccine recognised and accepted?**

Yes, if you have a valid vaccination certificate showing that you are fully vaccinated (including appropriate waiting period of 14 days) with one of the 4 EU recognised vaccinations (Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson or Oxford/AstraZeneca).

➤ **Is a mask mandatory and what kind of mask?**

A medical mask is mandatory all of the time when inside the Congress venue. When outside, a mask can be removed whilst keeping a distance of 1,5m. Medical masks are mandatory in Hamburg and FFP2 masks are recommended.

➤ **I have a 'mask exception', can I access the venue?**

Unfortunately, mask exceptions are not allowed and the 2G rules remain applicable.

➤ **I had COVID earlier this year can I access the Congress?**

The recovery certificate will be only valid if it's not older than 180 days and you are recovered. You will need a recovery certificate from your doctor (including mention of a positive PCR-test more than 28 days old, but less than 180 days), but no vaccination is required.

➤ **I recovered from COVID 2 weeks ago, can I attend?**

If you contracted COVID more than 180 days ago unfortunately this is no longer valid and you need to be vaccinated to access the ITS World Congress 2021.

➤ **Can I come if I had COVID and one shot of vaccine?**

Yes, but you need to provide your [Recovery](#) -19 certificate and the vaccination certificates. No special requirements for the length of time since your vaccine shot. However, this vaccine shot should have been taken after you recovered from COVID.

➤ **When should my EU recognised vaccination have been carried out to be valid?**

Either your 2nd shots should have been done at least 14 days ago, or if you caught COVID more than 180 days ago, it is mandatory to present your Positive PCR-test older than 180 days and proof of your 1 shot vaccination (no need for 14 days wait time).

➤ **What are the rules governing the Recovery COVID -19 certificate?**

The recovery COVID-19 certificate must be English, German, French, Italian or Spanish, and the underlying test must be based on laboratory diagnostics comprising a nucleic acid test (PCR, PoC-PCR or other nucleic acid amplification test methods) and must have been performed no less than 28 days and no more than six months prior to the event.

If you caught COVID more than 180 days prior to the event, it is mandatory to present proof of at least the first vaccination. In this case you will need to be vaccinated at least with one shot and will have to present both a valid recovery COVID-19 certificate and a valid vaccination certificate.

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- **Is there any chance to access the Congress with a negative PCR test?**

Unfortunately the only way to attend the ITS World Congress is with a valid vaccination certificate or with a valid certificate of recovery.

- **Can I bring my child to the Congress**

Children can only be attending the Messe on Public Day on Thursday 14 October 2021. Please note for children above 12 years old, the 2G rules must be respected. Children from 12 – 18 years of age: 2G or quick antigen test 24h is valid, testing free of charge until 31.12 . Under 12 completely free, from 6 or 7 years old masks are obligatory.

- **My doctor has recommended that I should not be vaccinated, can I attend with such proof? I have an allergy and cannot be vaccinated; can I attend with such proof?**

Unfortunately the only way to attend the ITS World Congress is with a valid vaccination certificate or with a valid certificate of recovery.

- **Are a combination of vaccines valid?**

A full overview of the combination of vaccinations allowed are available [on the following page](#)

- **I have an approved EU vaccine but its name is not the one listed into your description. Will my vaccines be accepted?**

Please find the exact list of authorisations and vaccine product names in third countries which will be authorised abroad

https://www.pei.de/EN/newsroom/dossier/coronavirus/coronavirus-content.html;jsessionid=633286FE93E2A890ECE6D24478F7767C.intranet231?cms_pos=3

2G Registration

- **How do you handle the 2G check? Will we have to be checked every day at every location?**

Everyone will have to show 2G credentials alongside their ID to receive an unbreakable wristband. This bracelet will have to be worn at all times, otherwise access to the venues will not be allowed. If you do not cut this wristband, the check will be done only once for the full duration of the Congress.

Main 2G check point will be at the Messe East entrance and is open already on Sunday (10th October) before the ITS World Congress to allow you to access venues easily.

- **I am using a Covid Safe App equivalent will it be recognised? I have a pass from another country will it be recognised as a European Pass?**

Proof of vaccination against COVID-19 must be in German, English, French, Italian or Spanish in digital or paper form (e.g. [EU Digital COVID certificate](#); WHO vaccination booklet). Note that a photo of a proof in paper form is not sufficient. In addition, please note, that you can generate the European Covid-19 Pass by going on the following link, provided that your vaccination is valid in Europe: <https://www.digitaler-impfnachweis-app.de/en/>. Your European Pass can then be presented upon arrival at the ITS Congress.

- **I only have a paper certificate mentioning the dates of my vaccinations -is it valid?**

For your paper certificate to be valid, it must mention:

- the name of the vaccine which you have received (must be one of the 4 EU recognised vaccinations, i.e. Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, Janssen/Johnson&Johnson and Oxford/AstraZeneca)
- the name of the disease vaccinated against
- the date of vaccination
- the number of vaccinations
- the personal data of the vaccinated person (surname, first name, date of birth and number of passport/identity card/ID card)
- The distinguishing marks that indicate which person or institution is responsible for performing the vaccination or issuing the certificate, such as an official emblem or the issuer's name.

In addition, the waiting period of 14 days must have ended.

The document must be provided in English, German French, Italian or Spanish and be accompanied with the corresponding passport/identity card/ID card.

- **I would like to pick up my badge and one of my colleagues at the same time. Can I collect both 2G bracelets if I'm bringing their ID cards and corresponding certificates?**

The 2G check needs to be done by each individual person in connection with their certificates and ID Cards. It won't be possible to receive the 2G access bracelet for someone else even you bring their corresponding documents.

- **Where can I have my 2G Check done at the Congress?**

Main 2G check point will be at the Messe East entrance and is open already on Sunday (10th October) before the ITS World Congress to allow you to access venues easily.

On Monday for Congress participants you can have your 2G check at the South entrance if pre-registered and at the CCH for the opening on Monday from 14h to 17h if you are pre-registered with a collected badge and on Tuesday at the CCH for the Summit participants only.

At the 2G check point, you will collect an unbreakable wristband, which will have to be worn for the entire duration of the Congress to allow you access to the different venues of the Congress. Therefore, only 1 passage at the 2G desk should be requested during your entire stay at the Congress.

➤ **Can I collect my badge and my 2G bracelet at the same time?**

Your Congress badge and your 2G COVID check bracelet must be collected at the same place and the same day. You will nevertheless need to present yourself at 2 different desks:

- Firstly, the 2G desk with your valid vaccination/recovery certificate together with your ID card.
- Secondly, the registration self-printing kiosks where you will be able to print your badge using the QR code you will receive per email from the registration team.

We advise you to collect your 2G wristband and badge already on Sunday to access the congress easily and quickly the first day of the programme.

➤ **Can I have my 2G check done at the social events venues?**

For all activities related to the ITS World Congress, the 2G check can only be done at the Messe – East entrance, which is open from Sunday to Friday during registration area opening hours. Consequently, you won't be able to enter social events or transfer buses without your 2G check bracelet received at the East Entrance. <https://itsworldcongress.com/practical-information/>

2G Decision

➤ **Is the 2G plan final with no additional changes until the Congress, or can this still change if Hamburg changes its rules? Is there any possibility of the event changing to 3G?**

We applied for 3G and 2G. We received pre-approval for a 2G event and consequently it will be a 2G event. If changes are made it will be as a result of a decision from the Authorities.

➤ **Do the 2G rules apply also for technical visits, demonstrations or social activities?**

Every activity and programme of the ITS World Congress (including, Congress programme, exhibition, technical visits, demonstration outside or social events) requires a 2G check and validation to access the programme or activity.

Travel

➤ **What happens if you arrive in Germany from a high risk area or from an area of variants of concern, but have a flight layover in another European country?**

As rules are constantly changing, you need to check with your airline and with the authorities, what are the current rules for travelling as well as the rules for entering into Germany, in case of a layover.

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268>

➤ **With the new travel restrictions in place, will you be requesting exemption to the quarantine rules from the Federal Government, or will you issue refunds for us traveling from the USA?**

No. As said, rules are constantly changing and you need to check with your airline and with the authorities what the current rules for travelling are. Please refer to this link:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268>

➤ **I will have to get a PCR test to go back home, will you have facilities at the Congress venue?**

At the Congress venue (East entrance at the Messe), a COVID-19 help desk will be available to support you and to be able to book a slot for your PCR test and/or identify the most convenient location for your test. You can have a view at the many PCR test location on this map.

Please note: The ITS World Congress regrets to inform you that outside our terms and conditions we bear no responsibility for costs related to added expenditure, hotels and travel. We can however provide proof of cancellation.

Rules on cancellation, transfer and reimbursement

- **I am an individual registered person to the Congress but I'm not vaccinated, therefore I want to cancel my registration and be reimbursed.**

For existing individual participant registrations to the congress, the organisers will allow the transfer of the registration to a colleague at no costs. To this end, transfer requests must be sent as indicated in the Registration Terms and Conditions. If a person wants to cancel his/her existing individual participant registration, the cancellation policy is applicable.

- **I am a speaker and cannot attend due to 2G rules.**

If you cannot attend, please note that the Organisers will allow the transfer of the registration to a colleague at no costs. To this end, transfer requests must be sent as indicated in the Registration Terms and Conditions and you should reach out to the speaker team in that respect.