



## Epidemiological safety rules for accredited media in the Rally Sarma 2022

- Rally “Sarma 2022” is an international motorsport competition that takes place from February 11 to February 12 in Gulbene region.
- **Taking into account the epidemiological safety measures established in Latvia with the aim to limit and combat SARS CoV-2 Covid-19 infection, only journalists (media representatives) who meet the requirements mentioned in these regulations and are ready to cooperate are accredited for the Rally Sarma 2022. Not only to increase the risk of the disease spreading but also to reduce it as much as possible.**
- When receiving accreditation, journalists must present an interoperable Covid-19 vaccination or recovery and a valid identity document in accordance with the requirements in force in the Republic of Latvia on the day of the competition.
- Journalists are not allowed to come to the competition if they have signs or symptoms that indicate respiratory diseases (sore throat, cough, runny nose, etc.), gastrointestinal diseases (nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea) or unclear etiologies fever.
- Journalists subject to self-isolation or quarantine are not allowed to enter the competition venue.
- Medical face masks or FFP2 respirators must be worn when approaching or arriving at the ticket control point. The use of face and nose protection outside the ticket control point is optional.
- Throughout the all competition area, accredited journalists observe a distance of 2 meters with other media journalists, spectators, athletes, representatives of the competition organizers, in any situation where contact with the persons mentioned here may be or is longer than 10 minutes.
- Journalists are not allowed to approach spectators closer than 2 meters at spectator locations (areas).
- **Flows of spectators, athletes, athlete support persons and organizers (excluding ticket controllers) are completely separated.**
- Journalists are allowed to be in the start and finish areas only for the performance of their duties and only during the performance of their duties (interviews, filming, photography). Interview time does not exceed 10 minutes.
- If a journalist has been tested for nasopharyngeal smear Covid-19 infection in a laboratory accredited in Latvia, he or she may be interviewed on the day of the test by an athlete who has performed the same test in a laboratory accredited in Latvia without a 2m distance and without a face mask or respirator.
- Unless directly related to the performance of nature's duties and otherwise objectively necessary, journalists shall be prohibited from approaching athletes, judges and other personnel other than ticket control staff and emergency medical personnel. Use a medical face mask or FFP2 respirator when approaching.
- Journalists are prohibited from visiting and being in the Rally Center and Service Park without an objective reason. A distance of 2 m must be observed during the visit and a medical face mask or FFP2 respirator must be worn.
- If required for spectator safety or explicitly stated here or in another document freely available at the competition venue, including the rally organizer’s website, the competition organizers, including the epidemiological safety specialist, have the right to restrict the presence of a journalist at the competition venue.
- **The self-contained use of an FFP2 respirator is recommended as a self-harming activity and as an encouragement and encouragement to do the same.**
- It is the duty of the journalists to follow the instructions of the track marshals.
- A medical face mask or FFP2 respirator must be worn when pushing a rally car.
- **After assessing the situation on the spot and the conditions that may change during the competition, the competition epidemiological safety officer may take emergency measures, requiring any person to take the Covid-19 test at the nearest reference laboratory.**
- **Be watchful and safe!**

## Miscellaneous

- Journalists are invited to follow the current information and infographics published on the website of the rally organizer and placed at the competition venue.
- The medical face mask or FFP2 respirator should be worn so that the selected face and nose shield completely covers the mouth and nose, fitting snugly to the face without creating gaps that allow air to pass through them. Below is a link to the website of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia with instructions on how to use face masks.
- The phone number of the epidemiological safety specialist during the competition will be published on [www.autorally.lv](http://www.autorally.lv) and indicated at each ticket control point.

## Useful links

Site of rally: [www.autorally.lv](http://www.autorally.lv)

Terms of ticket service EKASE: <https://www.ekase.lv/en/terms-and-conditions/>

Center for Disease Prevention and Control: <https://www.spkc.gov.lv/lv/aktualitates-par-covid-19>

Ministry of Education and Science: <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/latvijas-nacionala-sporta-padome>

Latvian Automobile Federation: <https://laf.lv/sporta-aktivitates-no-15-novembra/>

Covid-19 up-to-date information: <https://covid19.gov.lv/en/support-society/how-behave-safely/organisation-sports-events>

Laws by likumi.lv:

<https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/326729>

<https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/326513>

Respiratory protection and its effectiveness: <https://www.ptac.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/elposanas-celu-aizsardzibas-lidzekli-covid-19-infekcijas-izplatisanas-laika>

Proper use of face masks: <https://www.vm.gov.lv/lv/par-mutes-un-deguna-aizsegu-lietosanu>