



9th session of the
**MEETING OF THE PARTIES
TO THE WATER CONVENTION**
29 September – 1 October 2021 Geneva & Hybrid

We look forward to welcoming you to the ninth session of the **Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention** - in just one week! You have indicated in your registration that **you will participate in-person** and we look forward to welcoming you at the Palais des Nations (Geneva, Switzerland) from **29 September to 1 October 2021**.

Travel: How can I enter Switzerland?

If you travel to Geneva from abroad, you will need to **check directly with the Swiss authorities** for the most recent information on travel regulations. Please familiarize yourself with the new measures that were just introduced a few days ago.

If you have not been vaccinated with a recognized vaccine, a negative PCR or antigen test is required to enter the country. An additional test after four to seven days will be required, regardless of the mode of transport into Switzerland. If you stay less than four days, no additional test is needed. If you stay exactly four days or more, a test is required.

Everyone entering Switzerland must present [this completed entry form](#). This applies regardless of your vaccination status, country of departure, and means of transport. The form must be completed at the earliest 48 hours before entry.

Travel: Which vaccines are recognized for entry to Switzerland?

People who have received one of the following vaccines can enter Switzerland:

- **Pfizer/BioNTech** (BNT162b2 / Comirnaty® / Tozinameran)
- **Moderna** (mRNA-1273 / Spikevax / COVID-19 vaccine Moderna)
- **AstraZeneca** (AZD1222 Vaxzevria®/ Covishield™)
- **Janssen / Johnson & Johnson** (Ad26.COV2.S)
- **Sinopharm / BIBP** (SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (Vero Cell))
- **Sinovac** (CoronaVac)

Vaccination must be documented in the form of a recognised certificate or other proof of vaccination. In addition to your last name, first name and date of birth, the proof of vaccination must also include the date of vaccination and the vaccine used.

[Travel regulations for Switzerland](#)

For restaurants: What are the current COVID-19 measures to go to restaurants?

Covid certificates are required to access indoor areas of restaurants, cultural and leisure facilities.

Until 10 October, **foreign vaccination certificates** with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) - e.g. the WHO vaccination certificate - will be **valid for access to facilities or events requiring a certificate**.

The following vaccines are authorized by EMA and grant access to restaurants:

- Comirnaty® / BNT162b2 / Tozinameran (**Pfizer/BioNTech**)
- Spikevax® / mRNA-1273 / COVID-19 vaccine (**Moderna**)
- Vaxzevria® / AZD1222 / Covishield™ (**AstraZeneca**)
- COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen (**Johnson & Johnson**)

In order to go to restaurants in Geneva or participate in the reception of the meeting, you need to **present either a vaccination certificate or a negative Covid test from Switzerland**.

For restaurants: Can I go to restaurants, if I am not vaccinated?

If you are not vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), **you need to take a Covid test in Switzerland** in order to be granted access to restaurants etc.

There are several test centers in Geneva and we advise that you to **book an appointment online at your earliest convenience** (slots for appointments fill up very quickly).

Please find further information on where you can get tested [here](#). Appointments can be booked at test centers at the [airport](#), the [train station](#) and at many [other locations](#).

Where to get tested in Geneva

Palais des Nations: What are the COVID-19 measures at the Palais des Nations?

To enter the Palais des Nations, it is **not necessary to present a COVID certificate**.

In the conference room, the **number of participants will be limited**, ensuring 1.5m distance between participants. Participants are required to **wear a mask** in conference rooms and in all common areas.

Do not to come to the Palais des Nations, **should you feel unwell** with any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with a COVID positive person. Please inform the meeting organizers (water.convention@un.org) should you develop COVID-19 symptoms during or following the meeting.

Reception: How can I participate in the reception?

A reception for all in-person participants of the Meeting of the Parties will be held on **Wednesday, 29 September, from 18:00**, hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Estonia. An invitation letter was sent to in-person participants on 20 September. If you wish to participate in the reception, you need to RSVP to protocol@envir.ee.

To be granted access to the venue of the reception, you need to **present either a vaccination certificate or a negative Covid test from Switzerland**.

What if I do no longer plan to participate in-person?

If you do no longer plan to participate in the meeting in-person, please inform the meeting organizers.

[Contact the organizers](#)



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