

## FAQ regarding the COVID-19 pandemic

*When would you take the decision whether the Winter Universiade will be held, postponed or cancelled in order for us/NUSFs to plan our preparations accordingly?*

According to current estimates, the Winter Universiade 2021 will be able to take place on 21 to 31 January 2021 as planned. Because the health of all people involved is paramount, the development of the pandemic is closely being monitored with the authorities, Swiss University Sports and FISU. The OC has formed a dedicated task force. Under the direction of the Security Manager Beat Hensler, the impact of the applicable rules is currently being analysed in all areas of the event and, where necessary, the plan is being adjusted. Precautionary measures for the 30th Winter Universiade are being elaborated and will be presented during the Heads of Delegation Meeting in September.

*We have paid our participation fees in due time. Now we cannot travel to Switzerland due to travel restrictions. Will we get the fees back?*

If entry into Switzerland from a country is not possible due to travel restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the delegations will be refunded the participation fees already paid. This means that non-participation for this reason has no financial impact for the NUSFs. Please be aware, that no travel costs to and from Switzerland will be reimbursed by the OC. Each nation is responsible for having a travel insurance, for example to ensure that air travel costs are reimbursed.

*Can we come for inspection at a later date (e.g. November 2020)?*

Although inspection in situ wouldn't be possible at a later date than September, the Delegation Services staff will provide delegations the necessary assistance and material. Please feel free to contact our staff by email [del@winteruniversiade2021.ch](mailto:del@winteruniversiade2021.ch) anytime.

*How is Switzerland currently affected by the pandemic?*

To find official information from Swiss authorities, please consult the following links:

- [Situation in Switzerland](#)
- [Measures, ordinance and explanations](#)
- [Contact information and links](#)

*Will the Winter Universiade's HOD Meeting take place?*

According to current estimates, the HoD Meeting will be able to take place as planned. However, since we are well aware that the current situation keeps evolving and related restrictions can differ greatly between countries, we plan to stream parts of the programme (i.e. the OC presentation and Q&A session) live online and to record the venue visits to make them accessible virtually.