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## Athlete Information Letter

### OOO Testing during the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Skaters,

We hope that you are healthy in this challenging time.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Out-of-Competition testing program has slowed down these past weeks. As the situation is getting better in some countries, OOC testing will resume.

Based on recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) issued guidelines, sanitary measures and supporting information to ensure proper protection of Athletes and Sample Collection Personnel during the testing process. This document can be found here:

<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/doping-control-process/covid-19-ado-guidance-for-resuming-testing>

The document “ADAMS COVID-19: Athlete Q&A” should answer some questions you may have: <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/resources/world-anti-doping-program/covid-19-athlete-ga>

The ISU is requesting that the appointed Sample Collection Authorities follow the WADA guidelines by strictly applying the described sanitary measures.

It is important for you to know, that at the time of the test’s notification, the Doping Control Officer must provide you with a questionnaire, for you to complete, that asks questions about your specific situation with the COVID-19 (confirmed COVID-19 test or contact with anyone who had it, clinical signs and symptoms, etc...). This questionnaire will then be sent to the ISU who will keep this information confidential.

If your health situation changes after having completed an OOC test with the questionnaire, it is imperative that you **immediately** inform the ISU by contacting the ISU Anti-Doping Department at the address [antidoping@isu.ch](mailto:antidoping@isu.ch).

All the Sample Collection Personnel have been screened prior to being assigned to a testing mission and will also report any health situation changes.

Finally, we remind you that the refusal or failure to comply with process also applies to doping control tests during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please also note that you can still be tested at any place, any time. You must be aware of the potential consequences of a refusal or failure to comply according to the ISU Anti-Doping Rules (Articles 2.3 and 2.5).

Do not hesitate to contact us with any question you may have.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and we wish you all the best in the preparation of the next Skating season.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Schmid', written in a cursive style.

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Director General