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Subject: Team Canada participant communication regarding WorldSkills

Dear Team Canada participant,

This year, the Team Canada Selection category will be held at the Skills Canada National Competition in Vancouver from May 26-27, 2022. As you know, winning in this category gives you the opportunity to be a member of Team Canada and represent Canada at the WorldSkills 2022 Competition being held in Shanghai, China in October 2022.

Because of the current situation in Canada and China regarding Covid-19, we wanted to keep you informed about Skills Canada's participation in the event, answer questions or concerns you may have about participating in this competition and highlight important considerations about traveling to China.

Overview:

China has committed to holding two international events, the Beijing Olympics in February and the WorldSkills Competition in October. Currently, China has a "Zero Covid-19 Policy" in effect. This means that there are several health measures in place and only pre-authorized people such as competitors, experts and designated personnel can travel to and from China without having to quarantine or isolate for extended periods of time. The organizers in China have developed a "closed loop system" that they have put in place for the Beijing Olympics. This system will be the same model used for the WorldSkills Competition.

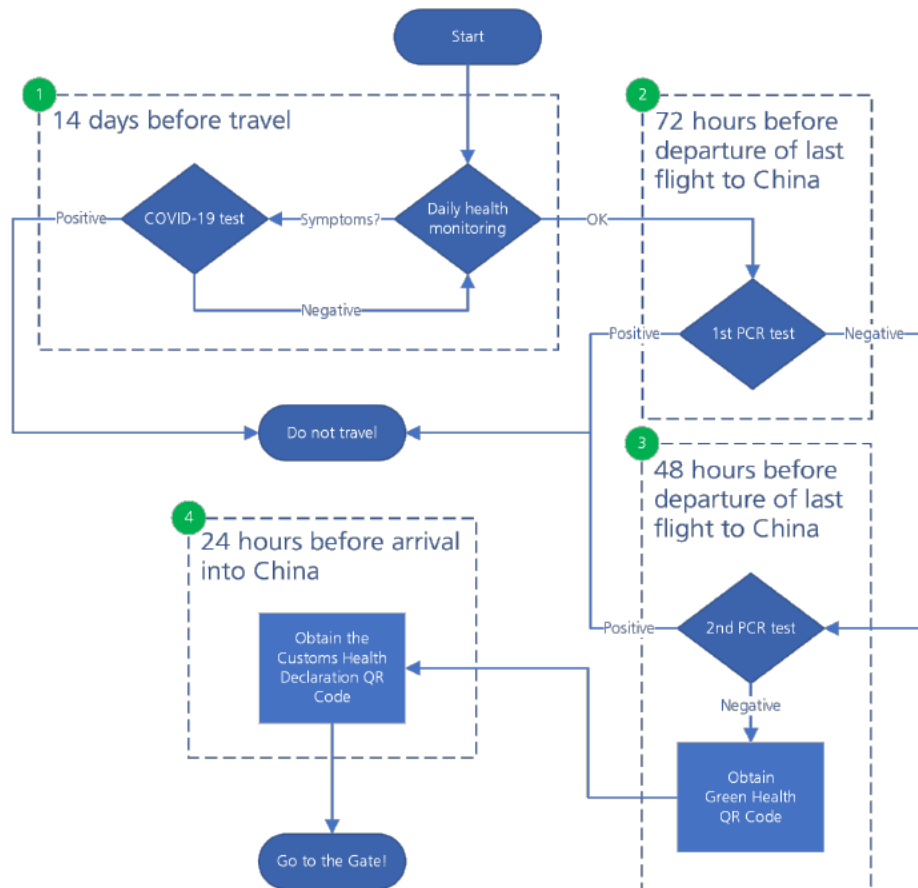
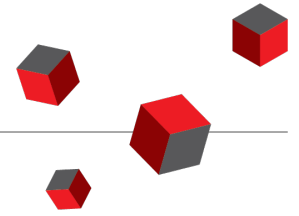
It is important to note that if you test positive at any given time during the competition that you will be required to stay in a Chinese quarantine hotel or hospital until you meet the hotel or hospital exit requirements. In the eventuality that this happens or that complications arise, your stay in China could be much longer than anticipated.

Below, we have outlined the health measures and procedures to follow for travel and the duration of your stay at the WorldSkills competition.

Before you travel:

1. Check health status and body temperature every day. Add results to the Health Monitoring System.
2. PCR tests must be conducted by a testing provider approved by your Chinese embassy or consulate.
3. The second PCR test must be taken no less than 24 hours after the first test. Upload the results of both PCR tests to the Health Monitoring System to obtain the Green Health QR code. You will need this code before boarding your last flight to China.
4. Arrival documentation must be filled out and submitted no earlier than 24 hours before your arrival into China. Details include seat number so can only be completed once you have checked in.

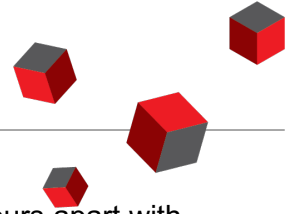




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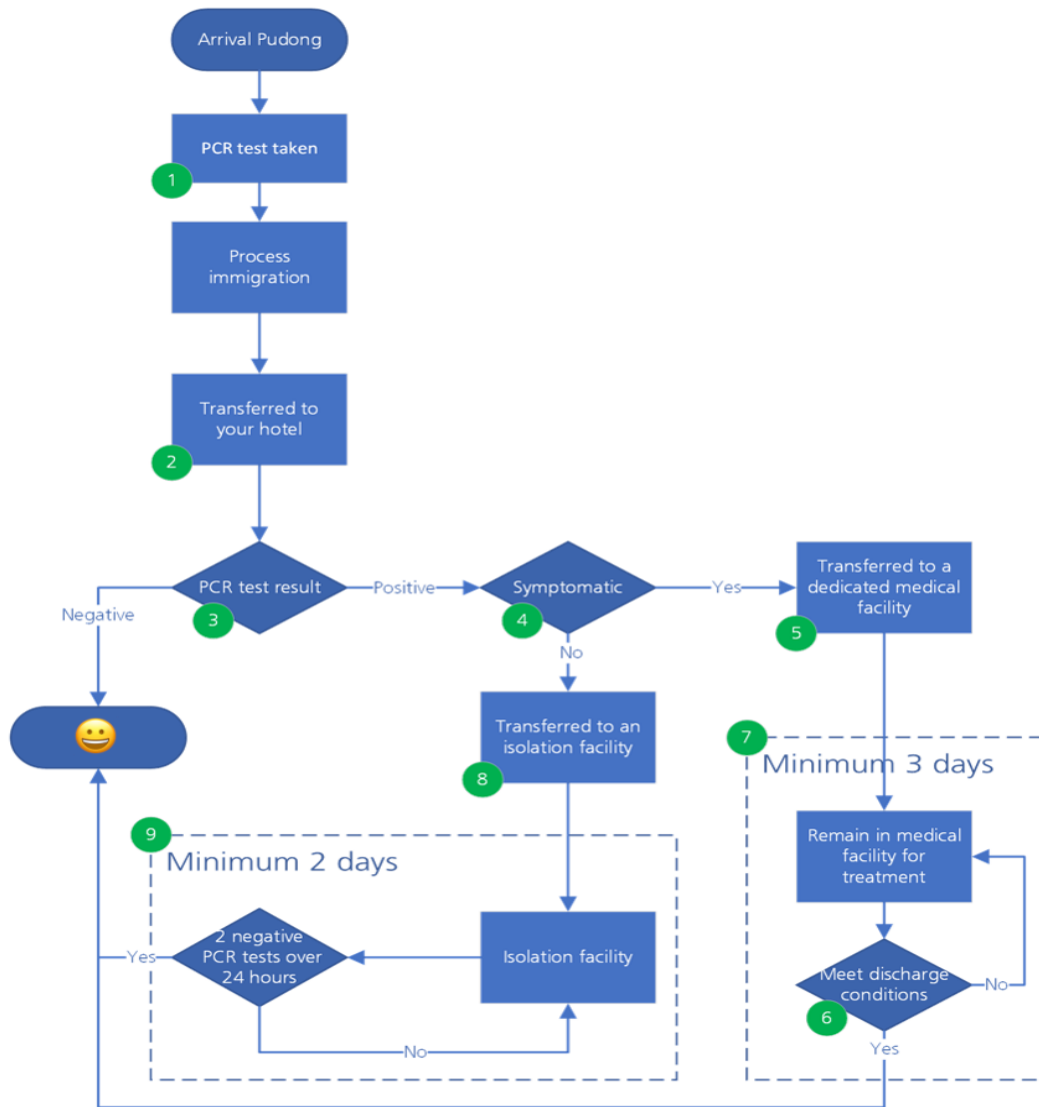
1. The PCR test is taken on arrival.
2. You will be taken to your hotel where you will wait 4-6 hours until you receive your PCR test result.
3. You will be informed of the result of your PCR test.
4. The definition of symptomatic is to be confirmed.
5. The location and type of medical facility is to be confirmed.
6. The discharge conditions are:
 - A) Body temperature returns to normal for 3 consecutive days.
 - B) Respiratory symptoms are significantly relieved.
 - C) Lung imaging shows significant absorption of exudative lesions.
 - D) PCR tests show negative results for 2 consecutive times with two samples being taken with a minimum 24-hour interval.
7. The minimum three-day period is based on the discharge condition requiring three consecutive days of normal body temperature.





8. The isolation facility will probably be within your hotel.
9. The minimum two-day period is based on requiring two negative tests 24 hours apart with the first test being 24 hours after the confirmation test.

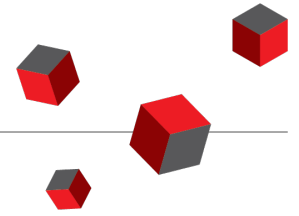
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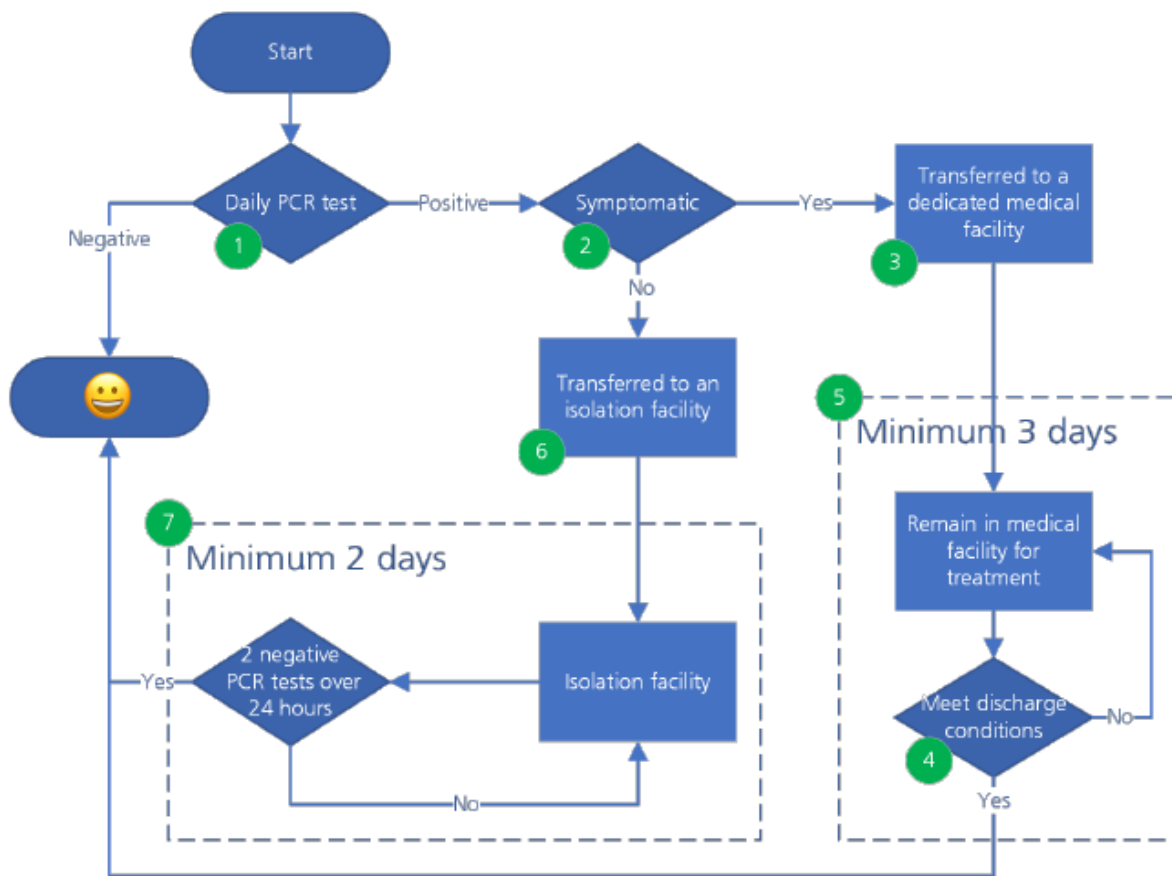
During the Event:

1. The daily PCR test will probably take place in the evening upon return to your hotel. Results will be known within 4-6 hours.
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3. The location and type of medical facility is to be confirmed.





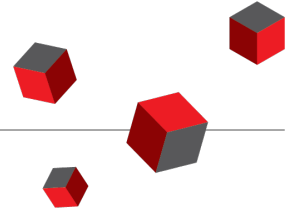
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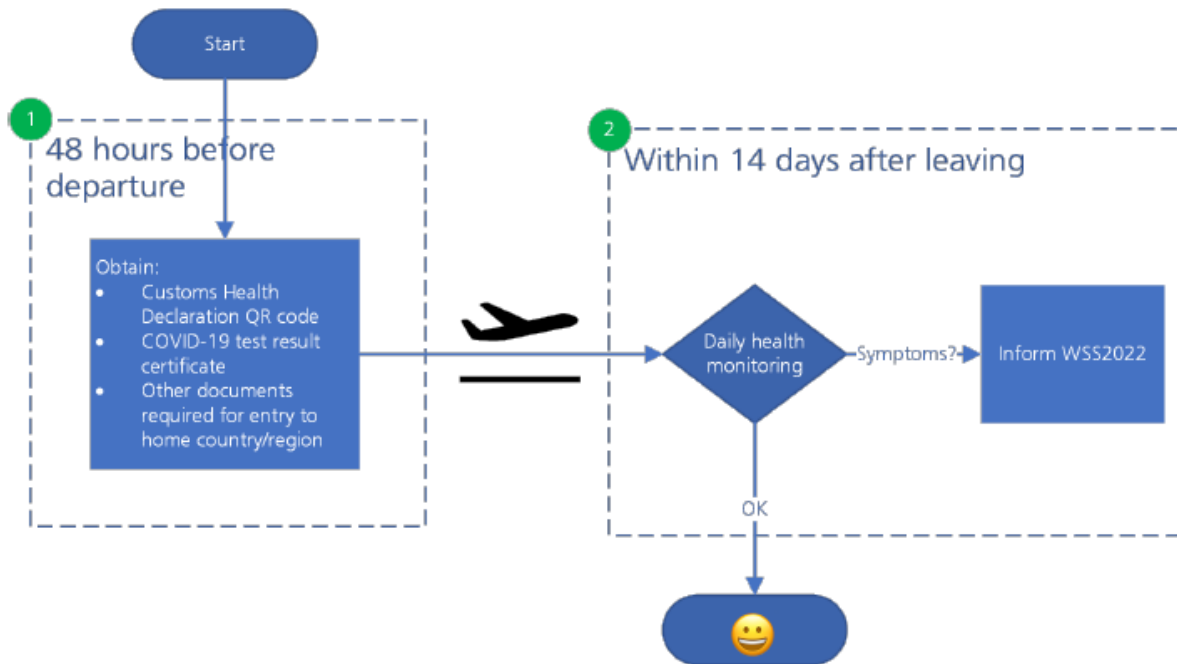
Traveling back to Canada:

1. Obtain the Customs Health Declaration QR Code from the Health Monitoring System. You will need to check what other documentation is required to board your aircraft to your home (or transit) country/region. Currently for Canadian carriers this is 15 days from the first onset of symptoms.





- It is important to monitor your health for 14 days once you return to your home country/region and inform WSS2022 if any symptoms are developed.



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Please read the Q&A below for more information

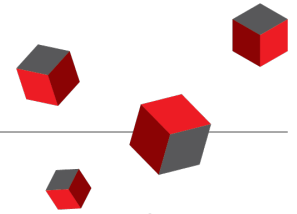
Questions & Answers

Question 1: Has Skills/Compétences Canada made a decision on whether they will send a team to WorldSkills Shanghai or not?

A: Skills/Compétences Canada is currently planning to participate in WSC Shanghai 2022 but we are monitoring the situation in China closely and may change our level of participation or cancel our participation at a later date. We take the health and safety of all our participants and representatives very seriously and remain optimistic that we will be able to send a team to Shanghai. As with any evolving situation, decisions may be subject to change, and we are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way. The Team Canada Selection category will take place at SCNC 2022 in Vancouver.

Question 2: If Skills/Compétences Canada decides not to participate in WorldSkills 2022 in Shanghai, what happens to Team Canada representatives? Am I able to participate in WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon, France?





A: Winning the Team Canada Selection category and becoming a Team Canada representative has tremendous advantages. We are committed to Team Canada representatives training and the perfecting of their skills after the SCNC.

Unfortunately, participating in WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon, France will not be an option for Team Canada winners of 2022. If you wish to participate, you will have to follow the age requirement and re-qualify at the 2023 selection event.

Question 3: Do I have to participate in WorldSkills Shanghai if I am selected as part of Team Canada?

A: No. Participating in WorldSkills is and will always be a choice. It is up to the participant to decide if they would like to participate or not and they may opt-out of travelling to the WorldSkills Competition at any time but we would ask all competitors to be prepared to represent Team Canada in China before you participate in the selection event.

Question 4: Do I have to change competition category from Team Canada to post-secondary if I don't want to go to WorldSkills Shanghai?

A: No. Participating in the Team Canada Selection category event has tremendous opportunities and advantages that can propel your career. If selected as the category winner, you will have the opportunity to perfect your skills through ongoing training and development.

Question 5: What happens if I get a positive PCR test at any time during my time in China?

A: If you test positive at any given time and you are asymptomatic, you will be required to spend a minimum of 2 days in isolation in a Chinese government hotel and provide 2 negative PCR tests 24 hours apart. If you test positive and have symptoms you will be required to spend a minimum of 3 days at a hospital and meet certain healthcare criteria.

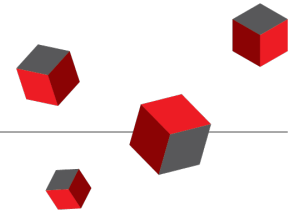
Question 6: Will someone from Skills/Compétences Canada stay in China until I can leave quarantine?

A: SCC is still investigating if this will be possible, but each delegation, organization, or group will be required to nominate a COVID LIAISON OFFICER, who will have a pivotal role in ensuring that all participants understand and adhere to the COVID-19 pandemic prevention and control protocols which will be outlined in the WSC2022 Participation Guide.

Question 7: If you test positive and are asymptomatic, will you have to isolate?

A: Yes, you will be sent to an isolation facility for a minimum of two days, the isolation facility will probably be within your hotel. The minimum two-day period is based on requiring two negative tests 24 hours apart with the first test being 24 hours after the confirmation test.





Question 8: If you test positive and are symptomatic, will you have to isolate?

A: Yes, you will be sent to a medical facility for a minimum of three days. The discharge conditions are as follows:

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Question 9: Who will pay for my stay if I am in quarantine?

A: This is still being discussed with the organizing committee in China.

Question 10: Will I be able to visit and see the sites of Shanghai?

A: No. As part of the closed-loop, your activities will be restricted to your official hotel and event venues.

Question 11: Will there be Opening and Closing Ceremonies?

A: As part of our planning, WSS2022 will include all Members, Partners, and Sponsors in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Question 12: Will my parents, school administrators, employers, trainers or any other observers be able to attend the event?

A: No, unfortunately the event will be limited to only those who are part of Canada's delegation, Competitors, Experts, Team Leaders, Official Delegate, Technical Delegate, Technical Delegate Assistants, COVID-19 Liaison Officer and Communications Officer.

Question 13: Will you be able to arrive early or extend the stay in China?

A: No, this will not be permitted.

Question 14: Will Skills/Compétences Canada pay any lost wages as a result of COVID regulations requiring an extended stay in China or an isolation period that may be required upon my return to Canada?

A: No. Participation in the WorldSkills Competition is a voluntary activity (your choice) and therefore you accept those risks when agreeing to participate.

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