



ANNIVIERS January 4, 2021

## COVID-19 PROTECTION PLAN: FOR THE TOURIST MUNICIPALITY OF ANNIVIERS HAVING WINTER SPORTS RESORTS

### INTRODUCTION

This protection plan describes the measures in force which need to be met by the Commune d'Anniviers as part of its general duty to protect the health of its citizens in accordance with the ordinance on measures to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in special situations (special regulations concerning the end-of-year festivities and winter sports resorts).

Mr. David Melly, President of the Commune d'Anniviers, is appointed responsible for the protection plan and its implementation. The Municipal Secretary, Mrs Sophie Zufferey, is appointed substitute.

The coordination and implementation of the directives are placed under the responsibility of the Municipal Security Service, by Mr. David Zufferey, Municipal Councillor in charge of security and Mr. Claude Peter, Head of the Municipal Security Service.

### PURPOSE OF THE MEASURES

According to the new federal provisions, municipalities provided with ski areas and being very busy (winter sports resorts), and Anniviers seems to belong to this category, must develop and enforce a protection plan with measures ensuring compliance with distance rules and avoiding gatherings in public spaces.

### LEGAL BASES & SOURCES

COVID-19 Special Situation Ordinance (amendment in force)

Special regulations for the end of year festivities and winter sports resorts.

This protection plan is established on the basis of :

- art. 5b of COVID-19 special regulations :

*Art. 5b Special provisions for winter sports resorts*

*1 Municipalities having ski areas that are heavily frequented (winter sports resorts) must develop and enforce a protection plan with measures which ensure compliance with distance rules and avoid gatherings in public areas.*

*2 The protection plan must include the following elements in particular:*

*a. coordination of the opening hours of shops and restaurants, as well as the organization of access and waiting areas in the public space;*

*b. the management of the flow of people, particularly at public transport stops and parking spaces, in coordination with the ski area operator's measures;*

*c. the premises addresses where COVID-19 tests can be done;*

*d. the deployment of personnel to monitor compliance with measures.*

## 1. OPENING HOURS OF SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

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According to the directives of the State Council, **restaurants are closed (except for restaurants attached to a hotel, which may remain open for their guests until 11pm)**, as all cultural entertainment and leisure centres, as well as sports and wellness facilities.

**Shops are open from Monday to Saturday (closed on Sundays, except for pharmacies and bakeries)** and are obliged to respect the closing hours, set by the Confederation and, where applicable, by the Canton. Shopkeepers are required to ensure that their protection plan is strictly enforced.

Authorizations issued for the **operation of ski areas** remain in force, but may be revoked, if the limit of 260 new Covid-19 infections is reached or if hospital capacity is no longer assured. Ski lift companies are required to ensure strict application of their protection plan.

## 2. ACCESS AND WAITING AREAS IN THE PUBLIC SPACE

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### **Arrival and departure in Anniviers**

Guests coming in Anniviers arrive either with their private vehicle or by bus (CarPostal from Sierre or other transport companies for groups accommodations (Val d'Uccle, Intersoc)). The same transports means are used for departures.

Signs indicating the compulsory wearing of masks have been placed in the car parks and at the various bus stops.

### **Public transport**

CarPostal and the ski lifts have established protection plans in accordance with federal and cantonal guidelines.

### **Access to take-away**

The management of people flow in front of shops and restaurants offering a take-away service is under the responsibility of their managers and tenants. The Municipality may collaborate with a shop or restaurant if it is necessary.

The queues organization must be provided for and organized choosing one of the two following ways:

- Either with the help of barriers or ropes delimiting the queue and indicating the distance between people and the obligation to wear a mask.
- Or by having a staff member outside ensuring that instructions are respected and organizing the people flow in and out.

The rules in force relating to gatherings in the public space must be respected.

The Municipality Council has defined outdoor areas within the stations and in Vissoie, where the masks wearing is compulsory (see attached maps). Bus stops are concerned as well by this measure and have informative posters.

## 3. AFTER-SKI

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- The rules in force concerning gatherings in the public space must be respected.
- Concerts are forbidden.
- Musical entertainment is strongly discouraged as it can lead to spontaneous gatherings.
- These highly criticised activities could damage the image of the resort and of Valais.

## 4. COVID-19 TESTS ADDRESSES

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People having symptoms or being infected by COVID-19 should remain at home, as well as those who live in their household or have had close contact with them. OFSP recommendations for isolation and quarantine and the Canton instructions are applicable.

- In the event of symptoms, the **Medical Centre of Vissoie** can be contacted at :  
+41 27 475 47 07.
- If the Medical Centre of Vissoie is not available, it is possible to contact the Salamin Laboratory in Sierre, at +41 27 451 24 51 (24 hours / 7 days) to obtain useful information concerning **the screening drive-in**.
- **Canton of Valais Hotline**  
+41 58 433 0 144  
(Monday to Friday from 8 am to 12 pm and from 1:30 pm to 6 pm,  
Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 12 pm)  
and contact.covid19@psvalais.ch

## 5. MEDICAL PERMANENCE

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The Medical Centre of Vissoie can be contacted every day from December 19, 2020 and during the winter season, during office hours at +41 27 475 47 07.

Outside office hours:

- For vital emergencies: call 144
- For non-urgent medical advice: call the regulation service at 0900 144 033.

## 6. VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19 IN ANNIVIERS

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The first series of Covid vaccine will be available from mid-January 2021 for people at risk (hypertension, chronic heart or lung disease, diabetes, cancer, obesity) and people over the age of 65 years. The persons concerned should contact their doctor as soon as possible, in order to organize the vaccination as efficiently as possible.

## 7. COMPLIANCE WITH MEASURES

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The municipal police is responsible for patrolling the area to ensure that the sanitary rules and protection plans are respected.

In the event of non-compliance, it will be reported to the Heads of the Cantonal Departments of Security and Sport, Health, Social Affairs and Culture, who will take the necessary measures.

Considering the complex situation faced by the Commune d'Anniviers, managing 4 ski resorts, the fire brigade and roads staff, on standby duty, as well as auxiliary personnel hired by the Municipality, will support the municipal police in this preventive work for the population and tourists.

**Update information on [www.anniviers.org/corona](http://www.anniviers.org/corona)**

### **Information Federal Office of Public Health (OFSP)**

Before and during their stay, guests are invited to regularly consult the OFSP website on possible measures concerning their country of origin.

*Attachment: plans indicating the sectors with compulsory wearing of masks in the resorts and Vissoie*