

Press Release 1 - EPIC Trail Run Azores

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As the pandemic outbreak COVID-19 fades, and the new normality begins to take over the daily life, expectations for the organization of events begin to be created.

The EPIC organization will open registration for the race on July 18, 2020.

The guidelines in this document may be out of date at the time of consultation, as the regulations of the regional authority adapt to the circumstances.

The organization of the EPIC Trail Run Azores will update the information it deems relevant for the event.

Covid-19 in the Azores region

As of the date of this document, 157 cases of infection by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19 disease, were detected in the Region, and there are currently seven active positive cases, six of which on the island of São Miguel and one on Flores island.

There are currently no active contamination chains and all registered cases originate outside the region.

Regional authorities have done a great job of screening for the virus to maintain the region with covid-free status.

Travel to The Azores

The only way to get to São Miguel Island is by air. The companies that travel to the Azores are SATA, TAP and Ryanair. **At the moment, the policy requires that all passengers have to take the covid test.**

The covid test is free and can be done in 2 ways:

A - Upon arrival at the airport, with some waiting time.

B - 72 hours before departure. The region has agreements with some clinics in the mainland for free testing, see link below. They must bring the test printed on paper to present on arrival.

https://covid19.azores.gov.pt/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/LaboratoriosConvencionadosCovid30062020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1u5hECYDDHmKdJGrLJPaOJPR_127Zy0LU7gKKmf0_guHSqBXh4

It should be noted that the results of the test on arrival will be made available (theoretically) 12 hours after it is done by SMS or other contact. During this period the person must maintain quarantine.

Alert - we verified that in practice the 12 hours have not been fulfilled, so whoever travels for the race from outside the region, should take this into account and come in advance. We advise you to carry out the test before your trip.

If you stay in the region for seven or more days on the sixth day, you will have to take the test again.

All updated regional information can be found on this website:

<https://covid19.azores.gov.pt/>

Measures to be taken for the race event

Since there is still a long time before the event is held, the EPIC organization will not list, for now, the measures to be adopted on the event days from December 3rd to 6th.

Everything indicates that we have to adapt processes such as the secretariat, post-race meal, prizes awards, baths, supplies and transport. In advance, athletes will be informed.

BUT ... the challenge, the trails, the cows, the pastures, the views, from Janela do Inferno, Lagoa do Fogo, Pico da Vara, Furnas Village, Vila Franca do Campo and all the other hot spots of the race remain unchanged.

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The organization
EPIC Trail Run Azores