

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared a public health emergency of international concern as it relates to COVID-19. In response, and to prevent the virus from spreading further, governments around the world are taking a wide set of measures, including limitations on gatherings, events, and school activities, as well as travel and entry restrictions.

We are monitoring the situation with public health officials and authorities, including Ministry of Health in Zagreb, Croatia to follow and implement guidelines dictated by health agencies and governments.

At this stage, the Ministry of Health in Croatia does not propose altering arrangements for public events, and therefore we will be proceeding with the Plava Laguna 5150 triathlon Poreč as planned.

We want to remind you that all transfer, deferral and refund policies remain in effect and can be found here – <https://www.ironman.com/transfer-withdrawal>

We ask you to stay updated with respect to the impact of the outbreak in your location, follow governmental and agency recommendations to minimize risk, and follow any potential restrictions put in place. Anyone traveling for competition purposes should make themselves familiar with respective national and world health organization updates in those locations as well as travel policies from airlines and hotels. As always, athletes should monitor their personal health appropriately and not race or travel to any event if they are unwell.

Athletes are also reminded to practice hygiene protection measures recommended by the WHO that can be found here - www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public

For up-to-date information on Covid-19 refer to www.who.int and **Ministry of Health, Croatia** at <https://zdravlje.gov.hr/>