**COVID-19**

**Reflexes of prevention and protection for sexwork**

**As of February 17, 2022 :**

* It is no longer necessary to present a negative test, COVID certificate or fill out a form to enter into Switzerland.
* It is no longer mandatory to have a COVID certificate for clients.
* It is no longer mandatory for clients to wear a mask. However, everyone can continue to wear a mask if they wish.

**As of April 1, 2022 :**

* There is no longer isolation for a positive COVID-19 test result. Why these changes ?

Because since the beginning of the pandemic, measures have been put in place to prevent serious illness and death. But also to ensure that all people who need to be hospitalized (with COVID-19 or for another cause) can receive the care they need. Many people are now protected (vaccinated or cured of COVID-19) and we know that the Omicron variant is less dangerous. So hospitals can take care of the people who need it. Now we must learn to live differently with COVID-19 and take simple steps to protect ourselves and the others.

What should I do to protect myself (and the others) from COVID-19 and other diseases?

Even if you are vaccinated against COVID-19, cured, or recently tested negative for COVID-19, you can still protect yourself and the others:

- Avoid commercial sex with a client who has symptoms\* and the other way around, do not have commercial sex with a sex worker who has symptoms\*.

- If you have symptoms, do not visit a vulnerable person, wear a mask and get tested if you are a health risk.

- Wash your hands upon arrival and before and after each visit with soap and water or antibacterial gel

- Ventilate the room several times a day

- Clean surfaces on a daily bases (door handles, doorbells, tables, etc.) and remove unnecessary objects that clients might touch (magazines, etc.)

- Vaccination is the best protection against severe forms of COVID-19 and COVID long. Vaccinations are free in Switzerland

- Clean the accessories between each client

- Change sheets and towels between each client

- Have a trash can available, if possible closed, to throw away masks, tissues, condoms and
 empty it once a day

- Encourage clients and workers to shower before and after each service

- Use condoms for all sexual practices

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If you are vulnerable or living with a vulnerable person, if you have any symptoms\*, call a doctor or Aspasie or go to a testing center for a free test\*\*

\* Symptoms:

The main symptoms are:

- Sore throat, dry cough, shortness of breath, chest pain

- Fever

- Sudden loss of smell and/or taste

- Headaches

- General weakness, feeling unwell

- Muscle pain

- Colds

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain

- Skin rash

Medical centers:

Please make an appointment online for a PCR or rapid test:

www.ge.ch/covid-19-centres-depistage-geneve

Vaccination: Aspasie makes appointments for you. Contact them with:

- Your first and last name

- Your date of birth

- Your phone number

- The date of your last vaccination against Covid (if you have already been vaccinated at least 1

time)

- The date and time of your appointment (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 4:30pm)

It's free and easy