



# Global Vaccine Safety Summit

Looking to the future of vaccine safety  
2 – 3 December 2019 | Geneva

**WHO headquarters  
Executive Board Room**

**GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

Dear Participant,

The World Health Organization looks forward to welcoming you to its Global Vaccine Safety Summit which will take place from 2-3 December 2019, at the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland.

Below, please find general information on travel and logistical arrangements put in place for this summit in Geneva that you may find useful.

## Registration and identification badges

Due to the limited number of places available, participants are asked to register as soon as possible by clicking on the link below. Please use Google Chrome or Firefox. <http://reg.unog.ch/e/WHOVACCINESAFETYSUMMIT-2019>

You will be asked to log in using your United Nations Indico account credentials. In case you do not already have a United Nations account, you will be requested to create one. A demo on how to create an account is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK2yizBgZVs>

Once the GVSI secretariat has received your registration, and depending on the number of places available, you will receive an approval email with a query code to facilitate your badge processing. Due to the large number of participants expected to attend the summit, we recommend that you arrive early (from 08:00 onwards) on 2 December 2019 to collect your badge from the main reception desk at WHO. Please remember to bring some form of ID with you to facilitate the issuance of your badge.

Unless otherwise stipulated, all costs incurred in relation to participating at the summit will be at the participant's own expense.

## Entry requirements and Information on visa

Please verify with the nearest Swiss Embassy or Consulate whether you are required to have a visa to enter Switzerland. Please note that it is the responsibility of each participant to obtain a visa if required. You will be invited to request a visa support letter (if needed) when registering for this summit.

## Transport

**Geneva Airport, Train, Bus, Taxi:** Geneva airport, located 4 kilometers from the city is easily reachable by public transport. A train journey between the airport and the central railway station (Gare Cornavin) takes 6 minutes, a bus journey to the centre of Geneva takes approximately 20 minutes. Many car rental companies operate at the airport.

**Free Ticket:** On arrival at Geneva airport, you can claim a free Unireso ticket valid for 80 minutes when using public transport in Zone 10 (central Geneva area, including airport and most hotels). The ticket machine for free tickets is located at the baggage reclaim hall. You will need to provide a valid plane ticket in case of being controlled by a ticket inspector.

**Regular Ticket:** You can use single UNIRESO Zone 10 ticket to get to/from the airport, valid also for a train! Ticket costs for 60 minute journey is CHF 3.00. *Unireso is a united network of Geneva public transport (TPG), Federal Railways (CFF) and Boat transport (SBB).*

## Train:

The central train station (Gare Cornavin) provides rail links to the airport and just about anywhere else you can think of. New arrivals should beware of pickpockets in and around the station. Check Journey Planner for destinations and timetables.

**Bus:**

City buses connecting the airport with Geneva stop at Geneva airport every 9 to 15 minutes. Buses are a good option if you cannot take a train.

**Bus stop** is directly in front of the Airport Terminal.

**Venue and Hotel**

The WHO Vaccine Safety Summit will take place at the World Health Organization, Executive Board room, 20 avenue Appia, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland.

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The meeting will be held from 09.00 to 17.30 each day.

You may select a hotel in Geneva of your own choice. However, funded participants are obliged to select a hotel using the HCorpo online platform which is available at:

<https://www.hcorpo.com/who/user> (please refer to your letter of invitation for more details).

**Catering Facilities**

A “welcome cocktail” will be offered at the main WHO cafeteria on the evening of Monday, 2 December 2019 from 18.00 to 19.30.

Coffee breaks will be served free of charge to participants during the summit. Lunch will be available at the WHO main cafeteria, but at the expense of each participant.

**Climate**

December is winter in Geneva with an average temperature of 2°C (35°F).

**Time difference**

Standard Time Zone: GMT/UTC +2 hours

**Currency**

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF, SFr.). Most restaurants, bars and cafes accept euros, but expect to pay a premium rate, usually exchange rate 1:1. Credit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are widely available throughout the city

**Electricity**

Electricity in Switzerland is 220 volts, 50 cycle AC. Most US appliances require a converter and an adapter to operate, although some dual-voltage items such as laptops may only require an adapter. Most European appliances also require an adapter as Switzerland uses a **3-prong outlet system** that is smaller than most Continental plugs.

### Health and Safety

Geneva is a safe city. Petty crimes such as pick-pocketing are common around the central train station, buses, airport, in trains and in touristy places in general. Hospitals and clinics are available 24 hours throughout the city.

### Water

Tap water is perfectly safe to drink everywhere in Switzerland.

### Language

Switzerland has three official languages: **French**, **German** and **Italian**. **French** is the predominant language spoken in Geneva. English is spoken by about a quarter of the local population.

### Telephone code

Country Code: +41, City Code: 22

### Useful contacts

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