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TO: Governing Health Officials and Authorities

RE: ICPC participants need obtain rapid access to vaccines in their countries of residence.

The 44th Annual World Finals of the ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC World Finals) will take place in Moscow, October 1-6, 2021, hosted by Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (MIPT).

Participants are from over 150 universities from over 70 countries. University teams have advanced from ICPC Regional Competitions serving 58,963 talented university students from 3,406 universities in 104 countries on 6 continents.

These World Finalists, the top 2% advancing from across the globe, are among the best of the best future software engineers, computer scientists, developers, and founders of engines of prosperity and mission-critical platforms that will deliver digital services essential to serve their communities that span the globe.

The competition and events will take place in the finest venues in the heart of Moscow under the most effective known health and safety measures, all in compliance with recommendations of the World Health Organization. These measures include PCR testing and tracking.

The keystone safety measure is for all participants to be fully vaccinated in their countries of residence before coming to Moscow. We have asked these participants to raise the bar of excellence in protecting others in the community. We need your help.

With less than two months before arrival, we are calling on governing health officials and authorities to give priority to ICPC 2021 participants so that they may be fully vaccinated before departure.

As health officials, authorities, and governing health bodies, you have the power and the necessary tools to help us provide a safe, global platform to shine the light on these talented students, their universities, and their communities.

All participants have official invitations from ICPC. For confirmation, please contact visasmoscow@icpc.global or manager@icpc.global.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best,

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