

15 September 2023

Dear Mr. President,

I write with regard to my letter of 12 June 2023, addressed to the President of the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, providing a further update concerning preparations for the High-Level Week at the opening of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly.

In light of the recent upwards trend in COVID-19 cases locally and the high occupancy levels we expect at United Nations Headquarters premises during High-Level Week, the Secretariat has implemented additional risk control measures in the Headquarters complex, including increased ventilation, surface cleaning and hand sanitizer availability.

The attached guidance has also been prepared as a reminder of the protocols in place to ensure the health and safety of all participants.

Permanent Missions are once again encouraged to manage any COVID-19 cases that may still occur and to determine any subsequent action regarding case exposures among their own attendees and guests.

Further information on organizational arrangements for the high-level meetings and the General Debate of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly is available in the Information Note for delegations that has been issued as document A/INF/78/4/Rev.1.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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