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ENDERS DIAGNOSTICS AND SWISSPORT OPEN PRE-DEPARTURE PCR TESTING FACILITY AT ZURICH AIRPORT

Starting tomorrow, 7 January 2021, Swissport subsidiary Checkport Schweiz AG will be operating a PCR testing facility at Zurich Airport. The novelty: Enders Diagnostics' PCR tests are carried out by saliva sample and not by nasal swab and the test result is available within only 5 hours, instead of 24 to 48 hours as with previous PCR tests.

From Thursday, 7 January 2020, Ender Diagnostics, offers a PCR test innovation at the newly opened pre-departure testing facility operated by Checkport at Zurich Airport in Switzerland. The sample is not taken by nasal swab as with conventional tests, but on a saliva basis, which is much more convenient for those being tested. The tests are sold as self-test kits on site and can be performed in test boxes independently, with no assistance required by medical personnel. The test boxes are cleaned after each traveler. The samples are transported to the Swiss Analysis AG laboratory four times a day by a dedicated courier service.

The price for the new Covid-19 test is 195 Swiss francs (approx. 180 euros), and the result is available within only five hours. Tests samples delivered after 5 p.m. are processed early the next morning. Customers are informed of their test result by password-protected e-mail. Currently, the testing facility is operating every day between 6 am and 8 pm and can be visited without prior appointment. The test center is located on the first floor of Zurich Airport's check-in 2. The tests are intended for people who do not show Covid-19 symptoms but need a test for travel or in order to participate at specific events. Especially airline passengers benefit from this quick PCR testing option, as only PCR tests are currently accepted by authorities for entry into countries requiring a Covid-19 test certificate.

"We are pleased to partner with Ender Diagnostics for the Covid-19 rapid testing center at Zurich Airport. Passengers traveling to countries that require proof of a negative Covid-19 test prior to departure now enjoy a simpler pre-departure procedure. Our new service brings great relief to air travel. We are convinced it will help motivate people to return to flying," says Daniel Steffen, Managing Director Checkport Schweiz AG.

Following the opening of the pre-departure testing facility at Heathrow Airport on 20 October 2020, this is the second testing facility operated at a major international airport with the participation of Swissport. These pre-departure tests will help passengers meet the requirements of governments around the world, while giving all travelers the assurance that everyone on their aircraft has a negative test result. By operating pre-departure test centers right at the airports, Swissport, in collaboration with medical partners, can contribute to keeping travelers safe without negatively impacting public testing resources needed for patients with symptoms.

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In 2019, Swissport International AG provided best-in-class airport ground services for some 265 million airline passengers and handled roughly 4.6 million tons of air freight in 115 cargo warehouses worldwide. Several of its warehouses have been certified for pharmaceutical logistics by IATA's CEIV. The world's leader in airport ground services and air cargo handling, with currently 45,000 employees, achieved consolidated operating revenue of 3.13 billion euros in 2019. At the end of September 2020, Swissport was active at 298 airports in 47 countries on six continents.

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