

## Safety and hygiene concept EMV 2022

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The effects of the Covid 19 pandemic will continue to be felt by all of us for a long time to come and as organizers, we are pleased to be able to hold our events again in compliance with the current hygiene protection regulations.

When organizing an event, the well-being of all persons involved is our first priority. We have therefore developed a concept that takes into account organizational, hygienic and medical measures. The highest priority is the safety and health of all exhibitors, visitors, conference topics, service partners and employees. This information sheet is based on the current applicable requirements of the county Nordrhein-Westfalen. We recommend that all exhibitors consider these requirements as a minimum in the context of their trade fair presentation.

As the entire situation is still developing dynamically, the prescribed protection and hygiene regulations may change before the event. We will always keep you up to date regarding detailed information for your exhibition planning.



## 1. General hygiene regulations

### 1.1 Compliance with current hygiene recommendations

On the event site, the behavior and hygiene measures applicable will be shown. With these measures, all participants can help to protect themselves and others from infection:

- The current recommendations of [the Robert Koch Institute](#) (RKI) on hygiene must be observed.
- Wash and disinfect hands regularly. Hand disinfection dispensers are distributed in sufficient numbers on the area.
- In case of symptoms of illness, please stay at home.
- Avoid touching and greeting with a handshake.
- Keep hands away from face
- Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm.
- We also recommend using the free [Corona Warning App](#). It supports faster tracing and interruption of infection chains.

### 1.2 Distancing regulations

The currently valid minimum distance of 1.5 m between persons must be maintained on the entire event site for the duration of setup and dismantling as well as on all event days. A series of measures ensures that all trade fair participants can maintain the minimum distance of 1.5 m between each other:

- Predefined number of participants per day of the fair.
- Optimized layout planning
- Sufficient space in the entrance and waiting areas

### 1.3 Wearing a mouth and nose covering

It is compulsory to wear a medical mask, e.g. surgical mask on the entire exhibition grounds, regardless of whether the minimum distance can be maintained.

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At fixed seating and standing positions, the mask may be removed, even if minimum distances are not observed, in the following situations:

- Conversations at the booth
- Tastings at the booth
- In the catering area
- In congress and lecture areas

## 1.4 Admission only for tested, vaccinated or recovered persons ("3G")

Access to the exhibition grounds is subject to the presentation of a negative test certificate, irrespective of the incidence. Vaccinated and recovered persons are exempt from the requirement to provide proof of testing.

- **Tested:** Evidence of a certified negative rapid antigen test performed no more than 24 hours ago or a negative PCR test (performed no more than 48 hours ago) in German or English. A current listing of rapid test centers can be found [here](#). Antigen rapid tests for self-testing are not accepted as evidence.
- **Vaccinated:** Individuals are considered vaccinated if they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a [vaccine license in the European Union](#), have proof of vaccination in German or English, and at least 14 days have passed since the final vaccination.
- **Recovered:** Persons are considered recovered if they have evidence of prior infection with SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus in German or English, if the underlying testing was done by PCR method and was done at least 28 days but no more than six months ago. If the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection occurred more than six months ago, the testing requirement is not applicable if a singular vaccination dose against COVID-19 can be detected in addition to the convalescent test.



## 2. Exhibition Stands

The allowed number of persons on the exhibition stand is generally not limited but a minimum distance of a minimum distance of 1.5 m between all persons present must be ensured.

### 2.1 Hygiene regulations on the exhibition stand

The recommendations on hygiene as well as the requirements for wearing a mouth-nose cover also apply to the exhibition stands.

- Provision of sufficient disinfectant dispensers for the visitors of your exhibition stand.
- Regular and demand-oriented cleaning and disinfection of contact surfaces and areas with higher frequency of use such as counters, tables, door handles, showcases, displays and exhibits.
- The exhibitor must provide the employees (stand personnel as well as the employees of the stand constructor) with sufficient mouth-nose covers and hand disinfectants during the event as well as during assembly and dismantling.



### 3. Measures on site

In order to protect our exhibitors, visitors and service providers from infections, we have designed the organizational processes around the event so that everyone on site can feel safe.

- **Cleaning:** There are modified cleaning plans that are appropriate to the current circumstances of the Corona pandemic. The cleaning and disinfection intervals will be adjusted as needed, especially for frequently used contact surfaces such as door handles, handrails, elevator operating equipment, information counters, cloakrooms, etc.
- **Disinfectant dispenser:** Placement of sufficient disinfectant dispensers in the publicly accessible areas.
- **Density of people on the event site:** In order to provide sufficient space for all exhibitors and visitors to maintain the minimum distance, the maximum number of people allowed on the site is limited. In order to ensure that the maximum number of persons allowed on the event site is observed, only a fixed contingent of tickets will be issued. By scanning the tickets, the number of people on the premises can be tracked and maintained at any time.  
For the EMV there is a reference value for persons, which is based on the size of the event area. Measured by the number of visitors at the EMV in the last years and due to the available event space, no visitor restrictions can be assumed at present.
- **Signage and markings:**  
Hygiene: Appropriate signs and information boards on the event site point out the existing hygiene rules. Appropriate pictograms inform the event participants, among other things, about wearing a mouth-nose cover, cough and sneeze labels, hand hygiene and disinfection.  
Distance: Distancing markings help to maintain the minimum distance in certain areas. These include, for example, entrance and exit areas, waiting areas in front of information counters, access to sanitary facilities, waiting areas in front of catering points.
- **Gastronomy:** All necessary hygiene and distance regulations are to be observed when catering on the event site. Catering will be provided by the caterer located at the exhibition site, who will train his employees with regard to the currently valid rules and ensure that they are observed.
- **Online ticketing:** In order to reduce contacts, visitor and exhibitor tickets can only be purchased online via the ticket portal.
- **Cashless payment:** Wherever possible, cashless and contactless payment methods are used on the event site.



### 7. Registration / contact tracing

In order to ensure the contact tracing required by law, it is necessary to record the contact details of all persons involved in the event.

The purchase of an online ticket for visitors or an exhibitor pass provides access to the event. By scanning the ticket, the access (stay) is recorded on a daily basis.

All persons who are on the premises during assembly and dismantling will be registered via a set-up and dismantling pass.

If necessary and at the request of the authorities, this data is transmitted daily to the responsible health authority to enable contact person identification. A transmission of the data takes place exclusively for the purpose of providing information upon request to the responsible health authorities. The data will be stored for a period of one month and then destroyed.

**The following persons are unfortunately excluded from attending the event:**

- **Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days or have had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient.**
- **Persons who currently suffer from the following symptoms: Cough, rhinitis, sore throat, fever, headache, loss of sense of smell and taste.**