

Factsheet Hygiene and Infection Protection Concept Supplementary Guidelines Stand Construction

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Messe Düsseldorf has worked out a Hygiene and Infection Protection Concept based on the current Corona Protection Ordinance of the federal state North Rhine-Westphalia (CoronaSchVO NRW) with a special view to ensuring the required health precautions, hygiene measures and distancing rules at all forthcoming events at the homebase Düsseldorf. This includes both measures for headcount and space management and hygienic, technical and organisational measures provided by the federal state government for running congresses and trade fairs. The hygiene and infection protection standards represent the current version that is constantly adapted in line with developments and changing legal requirements.

All activities performed at the Exhibition Centre shall be governed by the Corona Protection Ordinance (CoronaSchVO) of the federal state North Rhine Westphalia ([Land NRW](#) – only German) as amended.

Until further notice the **following Supplementary Guidelines** for infection protection (extracts from the [Hygiene and Infection Protection Concept](#) of Messe Düsseldorf) shall be observed:

General Information *

- The “SARS-CoV-2-Arbeitsschutzstandard” H&S standard of the Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs ([Bundeministerium für Arbeit und Soziales](#)) shall be binding.
 - 1.5 m distance
 - Face masks
 - Sneeze etiquette, welcoming rituals
 - Sanitising facilities etc. must be made available
- We support the recommendations for action issued by FAMAB e.V. issued on 24/08/2020 ([www.famab.de](#)).
- As a matter of principle, the official distance and hygiene rules shall be applicable:
 - Wearing face masks is mandatory during the event, stand construction and dismantling periods whenever the minimum distance of 1.5 m cannot be observed.

Stand Construction/ Dismantling*

- All employees, service providers and exhibitors’ stand construction staff will already have to be accredited in the run-up. It is not possible to walk or drive onto the fairgrounds without prior accreditation. Accreditation will be possible from late July.
- At the stand the names and length of stay of the staff, suppliers, service providers, external companies, self-employed people involved in stand construction have to be registered and documented.
- The individual service teams should work consecutively (consecutive workflow).
- A hygiene concept for stand construction/dismantling shall be drawn up and be available as a print-out at the stand; a person responsible shall be assigned and indicated in this.

* according to §2b of the Corona Protection Ordinance (Coronaschutzverordnung – CoronaSchVO NRW)

Stand Construction / Structural Measures*

- Distancing rules have to be accounted for when planning the stand concept. To this end a freely accessible area of 4 m² must be foreseen per person at the stands.
- Rooms with closed ceilings for people to stay in shall not be permissible as a matter of principle. This also applies to the installation of fabric ceilings fit for sprinkler installation. Storage or utility rooms can be equipped with closed ceilings in compliance with the Technical Guidelines (see full [concept](#), Item 4.7.7).
- Conference rooms and ground floors of multi-storey stands are permitted with an open layout or must comply with the special conditions (see full [concept](#), Item 3.6).

In structural terms this objective has been achieved if
 - a) At least one third of the ceiling area is open in the centre and
 - b) At least two opposite sides underneath are completely open at the same time.
- Rooms that are not sufficiently integrated into the hall ventilation system must be ventilated mechanically or be equipped with air-cleaning systems adapted to the room size (HEPA Filters H13 or H14). Furthermore, the access doors to these rooms shall be kept open when the rooms are not in use.
- Exhibition areas have to be designed in such a way that at least 30% of them are accessible.
- Distance rules must be factored in for the stand concept and its zoning (for instance by providing for partition walls, avoiding people from gathering in the aisles, if need be by installing hygiene walls, by applying distance markings in highly frequented areas etc.).
- Catering areas and kitchens shall be planned pursuant to the valid Corona Protection Ordinance NRW for the food service sector.

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