

SAFETY CONCEPT
TRADE FAIRS

Bern, November 2021

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INTRODUCTION

NO RESTRICTIONS FOR TESTED, RECOVERED OR VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS:

Restrictions on events in which only individuals with a COVID-19 certificate participate have been lifted as of 26 June 2021. Participating individuals must no longer wear a mask. Large events with more than 1,000 people are also allowed. The following requirements apply:

- A safety concept specifying how access is restricted to individuals with a certificate
- A cantonal permit for large events with more than 1,000 participants

As a reliable partner, the BERNEXPO GROUPE has created a safety concept and ensures compliance with the stated requirements for the event permit. The safety and good health of all exhibitors, visitors and employees are paramount to us, and we believe in working towards the best possible solution together. On this page, we provide an overview of mandatory and recommended measures. Foreign exhibitors and visitors should consult the regulations for entering the country of the Federal Office of Public Health (www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home.html) and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/dfa.html) that are currently in effect.

COVID-19 OFFER:

- Comprehensive advice and support whenever you need it

WE TAKE CARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Admission to the event for all persons aged 16 years and over (persons under 16 are exempt from these requirements) only with a Swiss or EU COVID certificate (QR code in app or on paper) that demonstrates that a person has been tested for COVID-19, has recovered from COVID-19 or has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- People without a certificate are able to take a rapid COVID-19 test on site (valid for 48 hours and only for the corresponding BERNEXPO events). Booking in advance is required.
- A safety concept in accordance with the current requirements of the Federal Office of Public Health and the canton of Bern.
- Where appropriate and necessary, markings on the floor to ensure that participants maintain minimum distances from each other (with a focus on the flow of visitors particularly when entering and exiting the premises).
- Frequent cleaning of all high-traffic areas.
- Sufficient sanitising and hand hygiene stations.
- Hall ventilation with 100% fresh air.

We look forward to welcoming you on our BERNEXPO premises.

Best regards

The BERNEXPO Team

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BERNEXPO restricts trade fair access to individuals aged 16 and over with a certificate. The [safety concept](#) must also include measures on hygiene and the implementation of access restriction. Otherwise, there are no restrictions according to the current ordinance. Individuals under the age of 16 do not need a COVID certificate and have open access.

An additional and integral part is the information sheet on “Permit for large events and large trade fairs and consumer exhibitions” as of 1 July 2021 issued by the Health, Social and Integration Directorate of the canton of Bern, which is to be considered.

www.gef.be.ch/gef/de/index/Corona/Corona/grossveranstaltungen.html

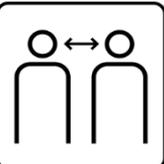
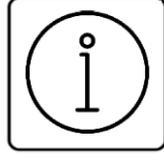
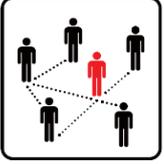
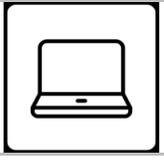
It is also possible to stay on the exhibition premises, including during (smoke) breaks or for the consumption of gastronomic offerings, in the fenced-in outdoor areas without restrictions, since the trade fair grounds will not be left and entry is controlled by the check-in carried out beforehand.



Figure 1: Spacing at BERNEXPO indoors and outdoors

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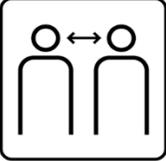
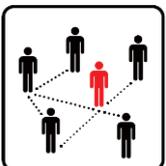
MEASURES BEFORE THE TRADE FAIR

Icon	Measures	Mandatory or recommended?
	<p>Hand hygiene at the booth:</p> <p>All exhibitors must provide sufficient hand hygiene stations in their own exhibition space. This allows visitors and employees to wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Surface hygiene:</p> <p>All exhibitors must regularly clean and disinfect all surfaces that are touched by visitors, using suitable products. This particularly includes frequently used surfaces (furniture, tables, bars, laminated objects, touchscreens) and exhibits. We recommend using furniture with smooth surfaces that are easy to clean.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Distribution of documents and tasting samples:</p> <p>Exhibitors should limit the distribution of paper documents (brochures, flyers, etc.) as much as possible and avoid reusing them. Only trade fair staff are permitted to prepare and distribute tasting samples.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p>Avoid the use of touch screens:</p> <p>Exhibitors should refrain from using touch screens if possible. If touch screens are absolutely necessary, they must be operated only by the booth staff.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p>Face masks:</p> <p>During set-up and dismantling of the booths, masks are generally required in the interior spaces of BERNEXPO. It must be ensured that each person has a personal mask available at all times. To ensure this availability, paid mask dispensers will be available at the entrances to the premises.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Square footage formula and minimum distance at the booth:</p> <p>Exhibitors must plan their exhibition area according to the recommended square footage formula (density), which prescribes 4 m² per visitor. Any activities and interactions must take place in a manner that enables compliance with the minimum distance requirement of 1.5 metres.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p>Duty of information:</p> <p>The exhibitors also need to inform the trade fair staff about the applicable mandatory regulations during the set-up, implementation and dismantling stages.</p> <p>All available channels will be used to inform visitors in advance about restricted access only with a COVID certificate and the possibility of rapid tests. Furthermore, above all, the safety and support staff are specifically trained and directed in regard to access restrictions. This can also be seen in the clear separation of the infrastructure with a check of legitimation before entering the premises by presentation of COVID certificates and then tickets.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Protecting vulnerable people:</p> <p>Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that no employees or service providers who belong to a high-risk group (as per the definition of the Federal Office of Public Health) or who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 attend the trade fair.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Online registration and ticketing:</p> <p>It is preferable if visitor tickets are purchased through the online ticket shop. This prevents waiting times and cash payments at the ticket window.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p>Symptoms of illness:</p> <p>Individuals who feel sick or live in the same household with such a person should absolutely remain at home and contact a medical centre.</p>	MANDATORY

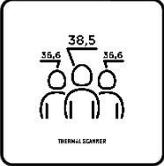
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	<p>General rules for entering the premises with a Swiss or EU COVID certificate: Access to the trade fair is restricted to the following individuals aged 16 and over (for individuals under the age of 16, there are no restrictions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals vaccinated against COVID: access is permitted for up to 12 months after complete vaccination • Individuals who have recovered from COVID: access is permitted for individuals who can prove that they have contracted SARS-CoV-2 and are now considered to have recovered from it; such access is permitted for up to 6 months after the 11th day after confirmation of infection • Individuals who have been tested for COVID: Individuals who have a negative test result from one of the COVID-19 tests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PCR test, valid for 72 hours from the time of sample collection ▪ Antigen rapid test, valid for 48 hours from the time of sample collection <p>This applies to all participants involved in the trade fair (visitors, employees, exhibitors, general staff, operating staff and security personnel).</p> <p>Detailed information on the COVID certificate and its validity, including explanations, can be found here or at the page of the canton.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Check of COVID certificate: The Swiss or EU COVID certificate (QR code in the app or paper version) and an official identity card must be shown at the entrance to the exhibition premises. After the name on the certificate is checked against the identity card, the access control via the admission system will follow. The visit at the fenced-in exhibition premises is possible without restrictions, since the certificate is checked outside of the premises.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p>Antigen rapid test: Access to the trade fair is restricted to persons with a valid COVID-19 certificate. Visitors, employees, exhibitors, staff, operating personnel and security personnel who do not fall into this category will be granted access only by means of a rapid antigen test (valid for 48 hours) taken on site (only in connection with the corresponding BERNEXPO events). You can find detailed information on the tests at the Federal Office of Public Health or the page of the canton.</p> <p>Procedure and process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visitors: Online registration via BERNEXPO ticket shop (for specific trade fair) 2. Registration of test person at time of check-in on site/check of personal details (step 2 applies to employees, exhibitors, general staff, operating staff and security personnel) 3. Test person receives a specifically assigned number 4. Test person is collected by an administrative staff member and led to the test station 5. Rapid test is labelled with the assigned number 6. Test is given by qualified technical staff 7. Test result is sent by e-mail (or can be printed out) approximately 15 to 20 minutes later and, in the event of a negative test result, legitimates entry (valid for 48 hours from the time the test is taken) 	MANDATORY FOR ALL PRESENT INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT VALID COVID CERTIFICATE

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	<p>Social distancing: Present individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 m to other people when queuing or when sharing a small space.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
	<p>Face masks: <u>Indoor and outdoor event spaces:</u> There is no general requirement that a mask be worn. If it is impossible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres to other individuals, we recommend that you wear a mask. <u>In publicly accessible outdoor areas:</u> If it is impossible to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other individuals, masks are required.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED MANDATORY</p>
	<p>Coughing and sneezing: Present individuals must sneeze or cough into the crook of their elbow. Used tissues or other personal disposable objects must be thrown in sealable bins.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
	<p>Signals and PA announcements: A range of measures such as posters, stickers, and PA announcements has been put in place to regularly remind visitors and exhibitors of the hygiene and safety measures.</p>	<p>INFORMATION</p>
	<p>Hand hygiene: Present individuals must wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap. If you cannot wash your hands, use the sanitiser dispensers provided on the BERNEXPO premises.</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p>
	<p>Surface hygiene: Exhibitors must clean surfaces and objects regularly and thoroughly after use, especially if multiple people have touched them.</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p>
	<p>No shaking hands: Shaking hands, social kissing and touching your nose, mouth or eyes should be avoided. Doors: Wherever possible, we will leave all doors open to allow you no-contact passage.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p>
	<p>Suspected COVID-19 at the booth: All exhibitors are responsible for sending home (with a hygiene mask) any staff or service providers who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, and the event organiser must also be informed immediately. Exhibitors must remind persons with suspected COVID-19 to comply with the guidance provided by the Federal Office of Public Health.</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p>

MEASURES **AT** THE TRADE FAIR

	<p>Refreshments and catering at the booth:</p> <p>There are currently no restrictions on the consumption of food and beverages at major events, trade fairs and consumer exhibitions as long as individuals entering the premises present a COVID certificate.</p>	<p>INFORMATION</p>
	<p>Additional and further measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thermal imaging camera at entries to measure body temperature (option) - Mask dispensers at entry - 100% fresh air supply in all halls (no circulation) - Unambiguous and clear guidance for visitors - Specific planning of entry and exit with sufficient personnel - Disinfectant for booth, safety signs and the elimination of physical sales material 	<p>INFORMATION</p>

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COLLECTION OF LINKS

CURRENT REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON 26 June 2021 (subject to changes)

Recommendation for minimum distance to other individuals: 1.5 m

Recommendation for the amount of floor area per person: 4 m² per person

LEGAL BASIS

COVID-19 Ordinance 3 and its explanatory notes:

Basic links:

- www.bag.admin.ch
- www.besondere-lage.sites.be.ch/de/start/massnahmen/veranstaltungen-betriebe.html

Information from the Health, Social and Integration Directorate of the canton of Bern:

- www.gsi.be.ch/de/start/themen/coronavirus.html

COVID certificate:

- www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/covid-zertifikat.html

