

# **SAFETY CONCEPT FOR YOUR HEALTH**

Bern | 1 July 2021

# DEAR EXHIBITORS

On 23 June 2021, the Federal Council announced that events with more than 1,000 people will be permitted starting on 1 July 2021 if the responsible cantonal authority grants the organiser a permit to hold the event. Such a permit is to be granted if

- it can be assumed that the epidemiological situation in the canton of Bern will permit the event to be held;
- it can be assumed that the canton will have the necessary capacity in the following areas at the time that the event is to be held:
  - The required identification and notification of persons suspected of being infected
  - The capacity in the healthcare system
- the organiser submits a safety concept which, based on an analysis of the risks of the corresponding large-scale event, makes provisions for the appropriate safety measures.

As a reliable partner, the BERNEXPO GROUPE 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](http://www.bag.admin.ch)) and the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs ([www.eda.admin.ch](http://www.eda.admin.ch)) that are currently in effect.

## **COVID-19 OFFERS FOR YOU:**

- Comprehensive advice and support whenever you need it

## **WE TAKE CARE OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES FOR YOU:**

- Admission to the event for all persons aged 16 years of age and over (persons under 16 are exempt from these requirements) only with a COVID certificate that demonstrates that a person has been tested for COVID-19, has recovered from COVID-19 or has been vaccinated against COVID-19
- 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
- Catering provided in compliance with the provisions of Federal Office of Public Health and the canton of Bern

We are very much looking forward to implementing a successful trade fair together with you!

Best regards



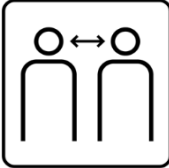
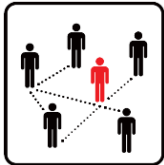
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# **OVERVIEW SAFETY CONCEPT**

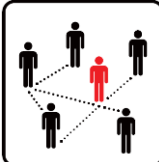
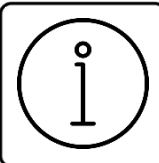
# SAFETY CONCEPT

## MEASURES BEFORE THE TRADE FAIR

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	<b>Hand hygiene at the booth:</b> 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.	MANDATORY
	<b>Surface hygiene:</b> 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.	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Distribution of documents and tasting samples:</b> 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.	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Avoid the use of touch screens:</b> Exhibitors should refrain from using touch screens if possible. <b>If touch screens are absolutely necessary, they must be operated</b> only by the booth staff.	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Face masks:</b> 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.	MANDATORY
	<b>Square footage formula and minimum distance at the booth:</b> Exhibitors must plan their exhibition area according to the applicable square footage formula, which prescribes 4 m <sup>2</sup> per visitor. Any activities and interactions must take place in a manner that enables compliance with the minimum distance requirement of 1.5 metres.	RECOMMENDED
	<b>Duty of information:</b> The exhibitors also need to inform the trade fair staff about the applicable mandatory regulations during the set-up, implementation and dismantling stages.	MANDATORY
	<b>Protecting vulnerable people:</b> 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.	MANDATORY

# MEASURES AT THE TRADE FAIR

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	<p><b>General rules for entering the premises:</b> Access to the trade fair is restricted to the following individuals of age 16 and over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals who have been vaccinated against COVID-19: access is permitted for up to 12 months after complete vaccination</li> <li>Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19: 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</li> <li>Individuals who have been tested for COVID-19: individuals who have a negative test result from one of the following COVID-19 tests:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A PCR test is valid for 72 hours from the time of sample collection</li> <li>An antigen rapid test is valid for 48 hours from the time of sample collection</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Detailed information on the COVID certificate can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p><b>Social distancing:</b> All exhibitors are to ensure that they maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 metres from other individuals in accordance with the current requirements specified by the Federal Office of Public Health.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<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.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p>Face masks: <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>	MANDATORY
	<p><b>Hand hygiene:</b> All exhibitors must wash their hands regularly.</p>	MANDATORY
	<p><b>Surface hygiene:</b> Exhibitors must clean surfaces and objects regularly and thoroughly after use, especially if multiple people have touched them.</p>	RECOMMENDED
	<p><b>No shaking hands:</b> Trade fair staff and service providers are to refrain from shaking hands and all other physical contact.</p>	RECOMMENDED

	<p><b>If COVID-19 is suspected among staff at the trade fair booth:</b></p> <p>All exhibitors are responsible for sending home (with a hygiene mask) any staff or service providers who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. The 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><b>MANDATORY</b></p>
	<p><b>Refreshments and catering at the booth:</b></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><b>INFORMATION</b></p>

#### **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 m<sup>2</sup> per person

#### **LEGAL BASIS**

COVID-19 Ordinance 3 and its explanatory notes

Important links:

- [www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch)
- [www.besondere-lage.sites.be.ch/de/start/massnahmen/veranstaltungen-betriebe.html](http://www.besondere-lage.sites.be.ch/de/start/massnahmen/veranstaltungen-betriebe.html)

Information sheet on large events in the canton of Bern:

- [www.gef.be.ch/gef/de/index/Corona/Corona/grossveranstaltungen.html](http://www.gef.be.ch/gef/de/index/Corona/Corona/grossveranstaltungen.html)

COVID certificate:

- [www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/covid-zertifikat.html](http://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/covid-zertifikat.html)