Most important protective measure: Social distancing of 1.5 m minimum

The observance of a distance to other people of at least 1.5 m is obligatory for every visitor at the fair. To make this possible, the following measures will be put in place:

- limitation of the number of visitors per day
- aisle widths: 6-8 m
- spacious entrance zones to each hall
- minimum size of stand: 8 sqm
- an 1.5 m wide „communication/waiting area“ in front of each stand added to hall aisles
- special requirements regarding stand construction and equipment
- special requirements on access/maximum occupancy to a stand, e.g. during signing sessions
- crowd management: systematic supervision of visitor flow through staff on the ground and CCTV
- special signage and floor markings
- security staff walking the halls to ensure that social distancing rules are being observed
- specific crowd management at the fair entrances (use of exhibition halls for entrance controls; additional entrances may be opened if necessary)
- tickets available only online and pre-booked; no physical ticket sales on site
- close cooperation with RMV (Frankfurt public transport authorities) to avoid congestion at S-Bahn and U-Bahn stations

Additional safeguarding measures

The following measures, among others, are planned to further reduce the risk of infection:

- partition screens (e.g. acrylic sheets) at counters, conference tables and information stands
- compulsory wearing of a mouth and nose cover depending on the current legal situation; in any case urgently recommended:
  - Wherever safety distances cannot be maintained at short notice (e.g. public transport, entrance)
  - in intimate conversation situations
  - for a barrier-free communication during business meetings, a „face shield“ may be an acceptable alternative to a mouth/nose covering
  - a recommendation to not pass objects back and forth, to shrink-wrap books and disinfect after handling, if necessary
  - optimised hall ventilation (complete air exchange by fresh air supply up to 5 times per hour)
  - special regulations for the use of escalators and lifts
  - special cleaning regimes for stands, halls, and the general infrastructure (esp. public toilets)
  - fixed and mobile disinfection facilities
  - information signs on distancing and hygiene rules
  - catering facilities mainly in open-air areas, cash-free payment
  - specific hygiene regulations for stand catering (e.g. packaged food only, disposable dishes)

Medical support

- self-declaration of all participants immediately before their fair visit on symptoms that could indicate a COVID-19 infection, or recent contact with an infected person → Mandatory presentation of clearing in case of yes
- First Aid station and medical care on site will be upgraded
- medical hotline for exhibitors, visitors and employees before, during and after the fair

Precautionary measures for cases of infection

- Full registration of all fair visitors for the creation of participant lists (name, address and telephone number) to enable contact tracing in case of a reported infection
- contingency plan in case of a reported infection case
- definition and preparation for the implementation of additional protective measures (e.g. temperature screenings) in case of a heightened health risk assessment, in coordination between the authorities, the Frankfurter Buchmesse organisers and Messe Frankfurt

This Hygiene Concept will be part of the overall security concept and has been developed in cooperation by Messe Frankfurt, experts and Frankfurter Buchmesse, and has been approved by the relevant health authorities. It is updated continuously on the basis of new information and guidelines. Implementation will be controlled by the OSC (Operation Security Center), Messe Frankfurt’s central control centre, which is also the base of the police, medical services and the fire brigade.

Depending on the latest assessments by the relevant authorities, these regulations and measures may be revised at any time.

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