

SPIEL '21 Hygiene Concept

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The hygiene concept for SPIEL '21 is based on the Coronaschutzverordnung (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance) of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia - supplemented by additional measures taken by the organizer Friedhelm Merz Verlag - with the aim of ensuring the greatest possible safety for visitors and exhibitors. Possible adjustments to the Coronaschutzverordnung (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance) of the State of NRW may also lead to adaptation of this concept.

I. Admission Requirements

1. Admission to the exhibition site will be granted ONLY to the following persons:

- Persons who have been **vaccinated** against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the European Union and whose last required vaccination was at least 14 days ago, or
 - Persons, who have had **recovered** following a positive PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection more than six months previously and who have received at least one vaccination against Covid-19 with a vaccine approved by the European Union and whose last vaccination was at least 14 days ago, or
 - Persons who have **recovered** following a positive PCR test result for SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus infection at least 28 days and not more than six months previously; or
 - Persons who have **tested negative** for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, who can provide written or electronic certification/proof of a negative test result from a point-of-care (PoC) antigen test (rapid test) or PCR test for coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 infection performed within the previous 48 hours.
2. **Children aged 6 years and above:** Contrary to the Coronaschutzverordnung (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance) of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, a negative test result must also be submitted for children aged 6 years and above (if not vaccinated or having recovered). As there are school holidays in many federal states during the event period, a pupil ID card will not be accepted as proof of regular testing on the part of the schools.
3. The **proof of vaccination, recovery or testing** must be in the form of an EU Digital COVID Certificate with QR code (e.g., digital vaccination certificate). This can also be presented in printed form for scanning. Further information on the EU Digital COVID Certificate can be found here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/safe-covid-19-vaccines-europeans/eu-digital-covid-certificate_en
4. Persons who cannot provide proof of COVID-19 immunization or a valid negative test in the form of an EU Digital Covid Certificate can be tested in a testing center.
5. Foreign visitors and exhibitors who have been fully vaccinated in their home countries with a vaccine valid in the EU can have their vaccination certificate converted into an EU Digital COVID Certificate before the start of the event. You will find the corresponding link here about 4 weeks before the start of the event.
6. Furthermore, a **medical grade protective face mask covering mouth and nose ("surgical mask")** is mandatory for visitors and exhibitors at SPIEL '21. **Children aged 6 years and above** must also wear the same type of face mask.
7. For general contact tracing purposes, access is only possible with a personalized ticket. Tickets are therefore not transferable and can only be bought online.
8. Please have a **photo ID** ready at the entrance in addition to your admission ticket and your EU Digital COVID Certificate.

9. If you are suffering from acute, non-specific general symptoms, cold symptoms, or respiratory symptoms, you will unfortunately be excluded from participating in the event.

II. Hygiene Measures

1. At SPIEL '21, a **medical grade face mask covering mouth and nose (“surgical mask”)** is **mandatory** for all visitors and exhibitors. **Children aged 6 years and above** must also wear the same type of face mask. This applies in all halls. Indoors, only when eating and drinking whilst seated in exhibition center restaurants is it permitted to remove the mask. In the outdoor areas, masks can also be removed if the minimum social distance of 1.50 m between individuals is guaranteed.
2. Waiting zones in the entrance areas will be set up with a spacing rule of 1.50 m. Additional common areas will be set up outside in front of the foyers to mitigate backlogs and will be put into service should the admissions process stop flowing.
3. Entry tickets will be scanned (contactless).
4. In the foyers and the occupied halls, specially deployed patrols of the security service will draw the attention of guests and exhibitors to the legal requirement to wear medical grade mouth and nose face masks and to observe minimum social distancing rules. Security patrols will also be deployed in the outdoor areas to remind guests and exhibitors of the legal requirement to wear medical grade mouth and nose face masks and to observe minimum social distancing rules in the designated smoking points and fresh air areas.
5. Hygiene measure notices will be posted at all hall entrances and passageways.
6. The ventilation systems at the Essen Exhibition Center ensure continuous ventilation of the entrance areas, the exhibition halls, and the meeting rooms. All ventilation systems are operated with 100% outside air.
7. Hand sanitizer dispensers are available at neuralgic points for regular disinfection of hands. Due to an increased presence of cleaning services, all contact points (e.g., door handles) will be disinfected at more frequent intervals. Disinfectants will also be available at the exhibitors' gaming tables. Players must disinfect their hands before and after each round of play.
8. Masks are also mandatory at gaming tables. All exhibitors are obligated to arrange their booth/stand in such a way that there is a minimum distance of 1.50 m between two chairs located at different gaming tables. A maximum of 10 people can be seated at any one table. Since only immunized and tested visitors are allowed access to the convention, there is no need to check immunization or test status again at your booth/stand.
9. Contact tracing is required at all gaming tables using the luca app or handwritten lists. This data must be kept for four weeks in accordance with data protection regulations. If a person present objects to the collection of his or her data, the data shall not be collected. The person objecting must be excluded from using the products offered, the facility or service by the person responsible at the exhibition booth/stand. The data shall be made available to the responsible authority at any time upon request, if required.
10. In the toilet facilities located in the foyers and in the halls, access and constant cleaning/disinfection of the toilets will be ensured by staffing each toilet facility with cleaning personnel.
11. A responsible contact person must be designated for each exhibitor's booth/stand. In addition, exhibitors must keep a hygiene checklist of the hygiene measures taken and show it when required. This checklist must be kept available for 14 days after the event.
12. Catering:
 - Ensuring the implementation of/adjustment to the respectively applicable sector-specific regulations of the catering industry for trade fair restaurants and catering stations in accordance with the Coronaschutzverordnung (Coronavirus Protection Ordinance).

13. Setup and takedown phases:

- The access requirements (Options above) and obligation to wear a medical grade face mask covering mouth and nose (“surgical mask”) also apply during setup and takedown.
- The toilet facilities, which are open during setup, will be staffed by cleaning personnel who will regularly clean and disinfect all contact surfaces.
- Hygiene measure notices will be posted at all hall entrances and passageways.
- For hand hygiene, hand sanitizing stations will be placed in areas where hand washing is not possible.