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Protection concept COVID-19

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The health and protection of our exhibitors, speakers and visitors as well as the employees of suppliers and other service providers involved in the Pension Symposium and the Pension Market Trade Fair to be held on 29 - 30 September 2021 take top priority. To this end, we will observe all protective measures issued by the FOPH.

In accordance with the decision of the Federal Council of Wednesday 11 August 2021, large-scale events such as trade fairs and public fairs may be held with no limitation on the number of visitors or the use of capacities. The following protection concept is based on the decision of the Federal Council and the provisions of the FOPH. Adjustments may be made in light of future regulatory decisions and provisions.

General information

Access to the event is limited to people in possession of a Covid-19 certificate (vaccinated, recovered or tested). People who fall into one of these three categories are therefore even permitted not to wear a mask. We will set up a test centre (operated by the Hirslanden Group) in the entrance area to the exhibition hall where antigen tests (validity: 24 hours) will be provided. Furthermore, masks must be worn in the entrance area.

Communication – rules clearly communicated

The event organiser will publish the protection concept on the event website and also send it to all exhibitors. Visitors will be made aware of the current protection concept and access restrictions when sent their tickets. The access restrictions are also stated on the ticket (for visitors, exhibitors, speakers, promoters).

Access restriction and control / Covid-19 certificate = vaccinated, recovered or tested

At the entrance to the venue, the event organiser will control all individuals (exhibitors, speakers, visitors and promoters) for compliance with the relevant criteria. Furthermore, the event organiser will be able to guarantee the traceability of everyone present in the hall. For visitors, speakers and exhibitors, this will involve mandatory registration for the event (personalised admission ticket with QR code). Every time a person enters or leaves the event area, the admission ticket will be scanned, ensuring continuous and unbroken tracking. Tracking of the employees of the hall operator, suppliers and external service providers will be performed by the relevant employer. These individuals must also wear a mask in the area requiring a Covid-19 certificate.

Employees of the hall operator, suppliers and external service providers

The employees involved are subject to the Occupational Safety Law and do not, therefore, fall within the vaccinated-recovered-tested group. Responsibility for the correct protective measures lies with their employers. If a minimum distance of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained, a mask must be worn.

Hygiene measures

Disinfectant dispensers will be installed at the entrance, exit and in 30 other locations and the hygiene measures currently in force will be displayed (FOPH “Protect yourself and others” poster). The minimum distances will be ensured at the entrance, exit (scan) and all other points where queues might form by means of floor markings and demarcation tape.

Rules of conduct

Everyone shall keep the proper distance, wash/disinfect their hands thoroughly and avoid shaking hands.

Procedure in the event of violations of the protection concept

People who grossly violate the coronavirus protective measures will be ejected from the event. Exhibitors' stands can be shut down by the event organiser in the event of gross violation of the coronavirus protective measures and the exhibitor ejected from the event.

Procedure in the event of suspected cases and cases of infection

People who are clearly unwell will be refused entry. Anyone at the event who is not well will be asked to leave.

Area

The plan of the fair can be found attached to the protection concept.

Collection of contact details

The event organiser will ensure full traceability of all people present in the hall. For visitors, speakers and exhibitors, this will involve mandatory registration for the event (personalised admission ticket with QR code). Every time a person enters or leaves the event area, the admission ticket will be scanned so that it can be determined at all times which individuals are in the hall at any given time. Tracking of the employees of the hall operator, suppliers and external service providers will be performed by the relevant employer. The event organiser will therefore be able to provide the cantonal authorities with all necessary details at all times for the purposes of contact tracing.

Catering in designated dining areas – “Bistro Azzuro”, “Symposium-Bar” and the “Verde” restaurant, which is only open to exhibitors

Catering is only possible in these areas to seated visitors. As access is limited to people meeting the vaccinated-recovered-tested criteria, there is no obligation to wear a mask. If a distance of 1.5 m cannot be maintained between individual groups, barriers will be installed.

Catering at exhibitors' stands

In the case of catering at the exhibitors' stands, the FOPH protective measures currently in force for the catering sector shall apply. Provision of food and drinks is only possible if it is individually packaged for each visitor and is distributed by the staff operating the stand in person. For and drinks may only be consumed when seated. The staff operating the stand shall wash and disinfect their hands on a regular basis. Furthermore, the staff operating the stand shall be responsible for regular cleaning of all surfaces. Self-service buffets, cocktail platters, crisps and nuts in bowls, etc. are prohibited. The exhibitors are responsible for the correct planning and implementation of the protective measures at their stands; they will consult their caterers or the event organiser in advance. Activities not in line with the FOPH protective measures currently in force will be prohibited by the event organiser.

When planning and designing their stands, the stand operators are required to provide sufficient seating and observe the minimum distances. The event organiser will be happy to advise the stand operators.

Clarification of catering guidelines for exhibitors/definition FOPH extract:

Provision of food and drinks is only possible if it is individually packaged for each visitor and is distributed by the staff operating the stand in person. Food and drinks may only be consumed when seated.

The following are considered to be packaged food:

- Any type of food individually film-wrapped and sealed. (Sandwiches, nuts, crisps, biscuits and pastries, chocolate bars, etc.)
- Croissants, sandwiches, etc. wrapped in a paper bag or a napkin.
- Prepared food in a glass container sealed with a lid: nuts, salads, mini-desserts, soup, etc.
- Fruit must be handed over with a napkin by the staff operating the stand.
- **Not permitted:** Any type of self-service buffet such as: platters, bowls or dishes from which several visitors can help themselves

The following are considered to be packaged drinks:

- Non-alcoholic drinks in PET bottles which are handed over unopened.
- Wine and prosecco: 200 or 250 ml bottles handed over unopened. Visitors pour the drink out themselves.
- Coffee, espresso or tea: distributed to visitors fresh from the machine in disposable cups with disposable lids by staff operating the stand. Visitors add their own milk and sugar.
- Fresh orange juice in bottles.
- Visitors may be given a disposable cup or a glass.
- **Not permitted:** A glass of water/soft drink/wine or champagne distributed uncovered. Coffee not covered with a lid.

Food and drinks may only be consumed when seated means the following, 3 variants

- Variant 1: Bistro table with chair or leather armchair
- Variant 2: Bar table with bar stools
- Variant 3: Bar or counter with bar stools
- Please note that a seat must be available for each visitor present.
- **Not permitted:** Standing when there is no available seating.

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