



# **DACH+HOLZ International, 2022, Cologne Exhibition Centre: Measures within the Framework of Protection and Hygiene Recommendations Supplementary Guidelines for Stand Construction**

**(as of 5 October 2021)**

**DACH+HOLZ International** is organised by GHM Gesellschaft für Handwerksmessen mbH (GHM) and held at the Cologne Exhibition Centre. In order to ensure a safe event, GHM issues Covid-19-related protection and hygiene recommendations, including, amongst others, in relation to stand design and use of the stand.

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## A. Principles

The following principles always apply, even if no explicit regulations have been made:

1. **3G principle (vaccinated, recovered or tested)**
2. **Social distancing**
3. **Obligation to wear a face mask**
4. **Hygiene**
5. **Tracability of participants**

### 1. 3G principle

- Starting from the setup up to and including dismantling the trade fair, only persons (visitors, exhibitors, including staff of the exhibitors and their service providers) who fulfil one of the 3G criteria (vaccinated, recovered, tested) may enter the premises. Proof of a test shall be defined as negative test result of a PCR- or PoC-PCR test performed no more than 48 hours prior. The test result needs to be presented in electronic form (EUR-DCC certificate) ([alternative methods for persons from non-EU countries](#)). 3G is a prerequisite for admission to the event area.

### 2. Social distancing

- Everyone must keep a minimum distance of 1.50 m from others wherever possible. As the organisers we support this, amongst others, by planning and designing the halls, entrances, and areas where people move around.
- Minimum distance may be undercut at fixed seating or standing places as well as bar stools, due to the implementation of the 3G principle (e.g. at stands / congress areas / gastronomic areas) → also see [B. Stand design](#)
- Exhibitors are encouraged to support social distancing at their stands in the best possible way. Recommended therefore is ...
  - *to design and build points of interaction and longer discourse with customers in a manner that allows keeping the minimum distance.*
  - *to put up hygiene barriers (partition walls) or take measures which protect against infection in an equally effective way.*
  - *to plan and set up exhibits, information counters and showcases in such a way that accumulations are avoided.*

### 3. Obligation to wear a face mask

- Everyone is obliged to wear a (surgical) face mask, especially when the minimum distance of 1.50 m is undercut.
- Taking off the face mask is possible, due to the implementation of the 3G principle, in the following situations:
  - in the open air
  - at fixed seating or standing areas or bar stools (at stands / in congress and gastronomic areas)
  - applicable for service personnel: behind information counters, if a hygiene barrier (partition wall) is installed.



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- In principle, for employees the obligation to wear a face mask applies during their work-related duties within the context of occupational health and safety regulations.

### 4. Hygiene

- On the premises, a widely contactless, digitalised entrance control is carried out for all exhibitors, visitors, employees and service providers.
- The exhibitor must ensure that staff and visitors adhere to the hygiene etiquette at the stand, that sufficient disinfectant dispensers are available and that items such as tables, counter areas and hygiene protection walls are regularly disinfected.
- Exhibitors must designate a person as the point of contact regarding compliance with the hygiene and distancing rules, who is present at the exhibition stand.
- In addition to the above regulations, the [SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Safety and Health Standard](#) of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs is also binding.
- GHM as the organiser hereby communicates the need to comply with the protection and hygiene measures. As the organiser, GHM is obliged to check compliance with the individual infection protection concept and to take appropriate measures in the event of infringements.

### 5. Tracability of participants

- Throughout the duration of the trade fair and during the setup and dismantling times, all visitors, employees, service providers, stand contractors of the exhibitor and all other persons working for it, who enter the Cologne Exhibition Centre grounds by foot or by vehicle, must register via GHM's registration system. Name, address, telephone number or e-mail address of the registered persons are recorded, as well as the times of their presence at the Cologne Exhibition Centre grounds. Without prior registration, it is not permitted to enter the exhibition grounds by foot or by vehicle. The data will be used in accordance with the privacy policy.

## B. Stand design

- The stand design must support keeping a minimum distance of 1.50 m (i.e. 4 sq.m. unobstructed area / person + number of fixed seats = maximum number of people on the stand).  
In general, more visitors are possible at the stand if they are brought into a conversation or hospitality situation at bar tables, counters or at seats. In these cases, there is no need to wear the mask and there is no minimum distance.

*Recommended measures are:*

- *installing a counter or meeting area with fixed seating and/or standing places.*
- *guarantee sufficient ventilation, e.g. open at the side (especially double-stored stands).*
- *install a hygiene barrier (partition wall) at information counters.*
- *An airy stand construction with few exhibits or décor, but with many meeting and hospitality areas (fixes seating and standing areas) have a positive influence on the maximum number of visitors (at the stand and at the fair as a whole).*



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### **C. Number of visitors and tracking at the stand**

- Due to current easements, for DACH+HOLZ International 2022 a maximum number of over 10,000 visitors is permitted.
- An additional contact data tracking at exhibition stands is not required.

### **D. Catering at the stand**

- Tastings at the stand as a part of a meeting at a table and the serving of packaged and unpackaged food and drinks is permitted. In the case of self-service, food and beverages must be packaged.
- Preparation of food for trade fair guests in stand kitchens is permitted. Exhibitors must ensure that hygiene measures are always respected. Surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected.
- Open buffets and self-service are permitted, but the usual hygiene standards must be respected (e.g. protection against spitting, or serving of food and drinks exclusively by service personnel).
- Stand catering and stand parties are permitted if the usual hygiene standards are respected. Exhibitors may choose their own caterer without restrictions, considering the hygiene protection requirements.

**Do you have any further questions?**

**Please feel free to contact us:** [www.dach-holz.com/exhibitor-contact](http://www.dach-holz.com/exhibitor-contact)

*The organisational and technical guidelines are applicable in any case. Due to adjustments to the hygiene requirements, replanning the exhibition areas may be necessary at short notice. The costs of implementing the currently valid legal Covid-19 protection regulations and DACH+HOLZ International's hygiene concept at the exhibition stand shall be borne by the exhibitor. This also applies to similar requirements that come into force as a result of other pandemic developments.*