

## State Government of Rhineland-Palatinate

### Hygiene Concept for Theaters, Cinemas, Concert Halls and Cabarets with Seating

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The following hygiene rules are to be observed by all above mentioned institutions:

1. Rules for physical distancing and contact restrictions which are in effect will be assured by the following measures:
  - a. The number of visitors/patrons can be controlled by the number of tickets to be had and is to be limited so that a minimum distance of 1.5 meter can be guaranteed between the seats (within every row and in front and behind of the occupied seats).
  - b. Between suits of seats booked by a group of persons – in accordance with contact restrictions pertaining to groups of people in public space – 1.5 meter distance to the next visitor [of a different household K.B.] must be observed.
  - c. Rooms where events take place should only be used with seats.
  
2. Organization of Operation
  - a. Pre-booking or reservation is required. It is recommendable to set up ticket systems allowing for an automatic minimum distance.
  - b. In case that tickets will get picked up at the event site it must be assured that visitors queuing in line at the cashier's desk must also observe a safety distance of 1.5 meter. Personnel working the cashier's desks can be protected by a screen. Personnel protected by a screen can be exempted from the requirement to wear nose and mouth coverings.
  - c. Waiting lines and assemblies are to be avoided. In any case minimum physical distance of 1.5 meter between persons must be observed. Respective markings are to be made on the ground of the waiting areas. Measurements to control access and to assure distancing are to be implemented; these include appropriate concepts for walkways.
  - d. As far as possible one-way-street rules are to be implemented. Waiting areas (e.g. in front of sales stands and toilets) also have to show markings for minimal distancing.

- e. For rehearsals and performances the guidance issued by the Industrial Compensation Board for Administration (VBG) Hamburg "SARS-CoV-2-Work Protection Standard – Recommendations for Stages and Studios for Rehearsal Operations" in its current version is to be applied.

### 3. Individual Personal Measures

- a. Persons with symptoms of an infection of the respiratory system are to be denied access.
- b. As a basic principle personnel and visitors must wear mouth and nose coverings. This applies to actors only in so far as they will have direct contact with the customers/visitors/patrons.
- c. Personnel, managers of the events and visitors are to be informed about protective measures in effect and rules of behavior (including general rules of infection protection like 'sneezing etiquette', evaluation of symptoms of a cold) by appropriate signs.
- d. All person entering the site of the event must wash or disinfect their hands. Appropriate washing facilities and disinfectant dispensers are to be made available by the organizer of the event.
- e. The possibility to track persons has to be assured. In this instance contact data are to be collected by the operator of the institution or by the leader of an assembly, group or other convention in accordance with the provisions for data protection; data will be kept for one month; on expiration of one month data are to be erased immediately. Provisions for data retention stemming from other legal provisions will not be affected by this rule. The responsible public health office may ask for information about these contact data if this is necessary in the course of fulfilment of its duties in accordance with the directives of the Infection Protection Law (IfSG) and the CoBeLVO [State Ordinance for Corona Virus Abatement K.B.]; these data are to be transferred without any delay. Use of these data for other purposes is not authorized. Data transmitted to the responsible public health office are to be erased immediately and irreversibly by this authority as soon as these data are not needed anymore by the office to fulfil its duties.

### 4. Measures driven by the Institution

- a. Contact surfaces are to be cleaned with a fat-dissolving cleaning agent for households in regular intervals and must be disinfected by an at least partly anti-viral agent.

- b. Catering may only be delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to gastronomy businesses. Consumption of food and drinks is exclusively allowed at tables. Bar and counter areas may only be opened for sale and handing out of food and drinks; but visitors may not remain in these areas. Consumption of food and drinks at other sites is forbidden.
- c. Targeted measures have to be taken to minimize impact by aerosols in halls and inside rooms. All rooms are to be ventilated for periods of 15 minutes every 20 minutes. As an alternative a permanent mechanical ventilation has to be provided for.  
Beyond these provisions the number and the duration of daily performances can be reduced if necessary.  
Continuous circulation of air inside rooms is to be provided by appropriate means.  
Sanitary rooms are to be permanently ventilated if possible.
- d. Hand disinfectants, liquid soap and one-way towels are to be provided in sanitary rooms, recreation rooms and break rooms. These rooms are to be cleaned in short intervals. Provisions for physical distancing also apply here.

#### 5. General Rules:

- a. A person is to be designated to assure that these rules are complied with.
- b. Persons who are not willing to abide by these rules are to be banned from the premise in accordance with domestic authority.
- c. Further the responsible authority may allow exceptions in justified individual cases or may impose differing hygiene provisions as far directives by CoBeLVO are not mandatory, if the level of protection appears of similar value and if the intention of CoBeLVO will be complied with.