

# EICC – COVID Delegate/Visitor Health & Safety Briefing

## *Purpose and Scope*

The purpose of this document provides Clients, Delegates and Visitors to the EICC with a summary of the current Health and Safety control measures that are in place to reduce the risks from COVID19 and to ensure legal compliance with the Scottish Governments Covid & Health and Safety Regulations.

As an International Conference Centre, the EICC place the Health Safety and Wellbeing of our Delegates, Visitors and Team Members as a top priority and is imbedded within everything we do. We have a very strong H&S culture throughout the organisation and not only strive to comply with all current legislation, but where possible, aim to exceed it.

## *Lateral Flow Testing*

From the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 free access to Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) and routine testing of asymptomatic individuals in the workplace came to an end as Scottish Government guidance changed as it moved to implement its COVID transition plan.

However, some clients may still wish to consider providing and using LFTs to their delegates and attendees privately as part of their risk reduction measures. In these circumstances EICC will work with the clients to assist with suppliers who can provide this service.

## *Good Health*

Anyone that is feeling unwell, or a little off colour should not attend the event and should stay away and seek medical assistance if required. If you think you may have Covid, PCR tests remain available in Scotland until the end of April 2022.

## *Face Coverings*

Although there is no longer a legal requirement in Scotland to wear a face covering (face mask) we recommend everyone continues to do so when in busy areas or when moving around the building. However, this is entirely at the client's discretion.

## *Hand Washing/Sanitising*

Everyone is reminded of the importance of regular handwashing and or sanitising. To assist with this, EICC have numerous sanitising stations strategically placed in and around the building. Toilets/washrooms are all clearly signposted around the building.

## *Enhanced Cleaning*

A stringent cleaning regime is in place with a focus on toilets, communal areas, hard surfaces and high touchpoints.

## *Technical Teams*

Technical teams have sanitising kit available for the cleaning of keyboards, microphones, screens and lecterns after every speaker's/performer's session.



### *Personal Greetings*

We would advise to still avoid handshaking or physical contact, a simple verbal greeting remains more appropriate.

### *Physical Distancing*

Although specified physical distances have currently been relaxed within guidance, we will continue to adopt physical distancing as a control measure as and when possible and appropriate.

### *Vaccination Verification Scheme (Vaccine Passport)*

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 the COVID vaccine verification scheme ceased to be a legal requirement for entry into some types of higher risk settings in Scotland as designated within the Scottish regulations. However, the App will remain available to support any client or businesses that may still wish to use it as part of their risk reduction measures for those attending their event.

### *Ventilation at EICC*

The vast majority of the EICC's ventilation is provided by a substantial air conditioning system. The system is electronically controlled and monitored and is effectively used to ensure a non-circularly supply of fresh air throughout the vast majority of the building, including the main conference halls and auditorium so far as is reasonably practicable.

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