

Opportunities to Reduce Contact Numbers – Community Events

– In relation to COVID-19 virus infection –

Events attracting large masses of people can facilitate the rapid spread of COVID-19 virus via drip infection. Therefore, on 11.03.2020, the Government of Hungary ordered a ban on holding indoor events of more than 100 people and outdoor events of more than 500 people, in order to reduce contact numbers.

In addition to this measure, the cancellation or postponement of mass events for a smaller number of people may also be justified, in order to take into account the primary health security of the population. These include conferences, congresses, religious events, group excursions. If it is not possible to cancel or postpone the event, the reorganisation suggestions included in the following articles must be observed!

MEASURES FOR PARTICIPANTS

Measures to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Limit or reduce the number of participants, as far as possible.
- Prohibit the participation of persons with acute respiratory symptoms.
- Prohibit the presence of persons arriving from the regions with high COVID-19 occurrence numbers.
- Prohibit the participation of persons belonging to a high-risk group (the elderly, persons with serious underlying medical conditions, immunocompromised persons or those who receive an immunosuppressive medical treatment).
- Prohibit the participation of health workers.
- Prohibit the participation of persons working in a critical infrastructure.

MEASURES FOR THE VENUE AND THE EVENT

Measures to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Wherever possible, the event should be held online, e.g.: by video conference
- If the event cannot be held online, it is recommended that you follow the steps below:
 - The venue should be ventilated frequently.
 - Observe general precautions (place out hand disinfectants, observe hand hygiene and cough hygiene rules, provide hand washing and disinfection possibilities, disinfect surfaces, place out handkerchiefs, prefer general greeting forms, avoid close interpersonal interactions).
 - Provide pre-registration prior to the event, which should assess the risk of infection from the side of participants and document the list of attendees.
 - Minimise the duration of the event.
 - Provide screening upon entry, aiming at assessing risk exposure and detecting symptoms.

MEASURES FOR ORGANIZERS

Measures to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Organisers should contact the competent epidemiological authority.

- Organisers should collect information concerning the appearance of a person showing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Organisers should develop an emergency plan in case any complication occurs during the event due to COVID-19 virus infection (e.g.: a person showing symptoms).
- All the above articles for the participants are also applicable to the organisers.

DO YOU NEED FURTHER ASSISTANCE?

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