COVID-19: Information and recommendations for event organisers
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Introduction
Public and private events attended by 100 people or more are banned, with very few exceptions¹. Events for fewer than 100 people are allowed to take place as long as certain preventive measures are taken to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19) among those attending.

The ban also applies to leisure and entertainment venues if they can hold 100 people or more. Facilities particularly affected are museums, sports centres, fitness centres, swimming pools and health spas.

No more than 50 people at any one time may be present in restaurants, bars, discos and nightclubs, including staff. It must be possible to follow the rules on hygiene and how to behave around others.

In tackling the spread of the new coronavirus, the prime focus is on protecting the health of those at especially high risk. They are at high risk of experiencing serious symptoms or complications. The recommendations on protecting the health of people at especially high risk also apply to public and private events.

The following recommendations are therefore intended for organisers of events and for leisure and entertainment venues attended by fewer than 100 people at any one time. They give guidance on protective measures that should be implemented during events.

Who is especially at risk and in need of particular protection?
- People over the age of 65
- People, also under the age of 65, with the following underlying medical conditions
  - Chronic respiratory diseases
  - High blood pressure
  - Diabetes
  - Conditions and therapies that weaken the immune system
  - Cardiovascular diseases
  - Cancer

General protective measures
- Follow the FOPH recommendations (www.foph-coronavirus.ch)
- Event organisers must alert people at high risk when booking tickets online or at the counter of the risk of infection. They must state that people who are ill (high temperature and cough) and those at especially high risk should not attend events.
- Event organisers must remind those attending events of the need to consistently follow personal hygiene measures (in particular hand washing, sneezing and coughing into a tissue or the crook of their arm).
- Lines when queuing to buy tickets or at the bar must be set up in such a way that people can keep their distance.
- Seating arrangements during events must allow for sufficient space between seats.
- People who are visibly ill may be prevented from attending the event.
- People attending an event should keep their distance from one another, e.g. when standing in line, during the event and when arriving and leaving.

Protective measures for people at especially high risk
- People at especially high risk should not attend events.

¹ Verordnung 2 über die Massnahmen zur Bekämpfung des Coronavirus (COVID-19) vom 13. März 2020