

**Ordinance of the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Economic Affairs and Ministry of
Social Affairs to combat the spread of the corona virus (SARS-CoV-2) at trade fairs,
exhibitions and congresses
(Corona Ordinance Trade Fairs – “CoronaVO Trade Fairs”)**

of 14th July 2020
(in the version valid from 29th August 2020 onwards)

On the basis of § 32, Clauses 1 and 2, in conjunction with § 28, Paragraph 1, Clauses 1 and 2 of the Infection Protection Act of 20th July 2000 (BGBl. I, P. 1045), last amended by Article 5 of the Act of 19th June 2020 (BGBl. I, PP 1385, 1386), in conjunction with § 16, Paragraph 7, No. 4 and Paragraph 8 of the Corona Ordinance (CoronaVO) of 23rd June 2020 (emergency promulgation in accordance with § 4, Clause 1 of the Promulgation Act and accessible under <https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/corona-verordnung>, it is hereby decreed:

§ 1
Field of Application

(1) This ordinance is valid for trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses, and in particular for their operators, organisers, exhibitors and visitors, notwithstanding any further obligations arising from other legal regulations. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term

1. “trade fair” describes an event as defined in § 64 of the Trade, Commerce and Industry Act (GewO),

2. “exhibition” is an event as defined in § 65 of the Trade, Commerce and Industry Act (GewO), and

3. “congress” is a meeting of several persons, lasting one or more days, in which the state and development of a specific field of expertise or industrial sector are discussed in specialist lectures, discourses and similar features involving the mutual exchange of knowledge and information.

Trade fairs, exhibitions and congresses may each contain elements of the other kinds of event.

(2) Notwithstanding § 10, Paragraph 3, Clause 1, No. 2 of the Corona Ordinance, as from 1st September 2020 it is permissible for more than 500 visitors to be present at the location at one time during events of the kind described in § 1, Paragraph 1.

(3) The maximum number of persons permitted to attend an event under the terms of Paragraph 1 means the number of visitors present at the event location at one time. It does not include the operators, organisers, exhibitors and their employees and other contributors.

(4) If § 10, Paragraph 1 of the CoronaVO (Corona Ordinance) ceases to be in force or is revoked, this Ordinance shall not apply to events pursuant to Paragraph 1 with up to 500 visitors.

§ 2 General Requirements

- (1) Whosoever stages an event as defined under § 1, Paragraph 1 must comply with the hygiene requirements stipulated in § 4 of the Corona Ordinance, and must devise a hygiene concept pursuant to § 5 of the Corona Ordinance and conduct data processing in accordance with § 6 of the Corona Ordinance. Access and participation are prohibited in the case of those persons described in § 7 of the Corona Ordinance. Industrial safety regulations pursuant to § 8 of the Corona Ordinance must be observed.
- (2) Organisers must restrict the number of persons attending the event at one time in such a way that the prescribed distancing can be maintained. During a trade fair or exhibition, and in the exhibition area of a congress, operators must ensure a minimum space of seven square metres per visitor in the exhibition area accessible to visitors. Operators, organisers, exhibitors and their employees and other contributors shall be disregarded in this calculation as defined in Clause 2.
- (3) In the case of congresses with an exhibition area under 200 square metres, the hygiene concept required under § 5 of the Corona Ordinance must demonstrate that it is possible to observe the minimum distancing in the exhibition area pursuant to § 2 of the Corona Ordinance, and describe how this will be achieved. From 1st August 2020 onwards, this regulation will apply to congresses with a maximum exhibition area of 400 square metres, and from 1st September 2020 onwards to congresses with a maximum exhibition area of 2,000 square metres. The exhibition area is defined as the area occupied by the exhibitors.
- (4) Hygiene concepts pursuant to Paragraph 3 must be presented in advance to the competent authority. If the competent authority approves the concept, in consultation with the responsible public health office, the maximum number of persons named in the hygiene concept may then be admitted to the exhibition area.

§ 3 Distancing Regulations

- (1) The distancing regulations stipulated in § 2 Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Corona Ordinance must be observed.

§ 4 Mandatory Wearing of Masks

- (1) In closed spaces, all persons aged six years and over must wear a non-medical everyday mask or comparable mouth and nose covering.
- (2) Masks are not mandatory
 1. in cases pursuant to § 3, Paragraph 2, No. 2 of the Corona Ordinance,
 2. at individual stands at trade fairs, exhibitions or in the exhibition areas of congresses, provided that the organisers can ensure that the required minimum distance of 1.5 metres between persons can be maintained,
 3. in seating areas, provided that the organisers ensure that the required minimum distance of 1.5 metres between persons can be maintained,
 4. for employees, as long as there are no visitors in their workplace,

5. while making use of catering facilities, or

6. in cases pursuant to § 3, Paragraph 2, No. 6 of the Corona Ordinance.

§ 5

Gastronomy Providers and the Operation of other Institutions

(1) The permissibility and form of catering services, including the serving of food and drink for immediate consumption, are subject to the requirements of the Corona Ordinance pertaining to such offers, and to the statutory regulations issued on the basis of the Ordinance.

(2) The permissibility and form of operation of other institutions, for example in the retail trade, are subject to the requirements of the Corona Ordinance pertaining to such institutions and services, and to the statutory regulations issued on the basis of the Ordinance.

§6

Final Provisions

If provisions of this Ordinance should refer to provisions of the Corona Ordinance, the provisions of the Corona Ordinance thus referred to shall continue to apply in their most recent version under this Ordinance, even if the respective provision of the Corona Ordinance has already expired or been revoked.

§ 7

Entry into Force, Expiry

(1) This Ordinance shall enter into force the day after its promulgation.

(2) This Ordinance will cease to be in force at the end of the day on which the Corona Ordinance dated 23rd June 2020 (GBI, P. 483), and amended by Article 1 of the Ordinance of 28th July 2020 (GBI, P. 661), ceases to be in force

Stuttgart, 14th July 2020

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<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/aktuelle-infos-zu-corona/coronavo-messen/>

The English Version of the Corona Ordinance as of August 6, 2020 is available here:

https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/fileadmin/redaktion/m-sm/intern/downloads/Downloads_Gesundheitsschutz/2020-07-28_CoronaVO_konsolidierte_Fassung_ab_200806_en.pdf