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Introduction

The exhibition industry has been an indispensable force in building global commercial networks, playing a central role in the development of domestic and international economies. It is the major power that opens the door to new markets for trade and for all sectors and sizes of business organizations.

The impact of the last pandemic has been severely felt and reverberated throughout the industry. The lack of physical gatherings afforded by the industry has in part contributed to laggard recovery of the global economy. As the industry has started to reopen, it has taken various precautions to protect their employees, visitors and third-party personnel.

Infectious diseases are a global problem. Changes in demographics, technology and environment, the ease of international travel and commerce, and infectious agents themselves are contributing factors to the emergence of new diseases and re-emergence of diseases once considered under control.^[11] And the likelihood of another infectious disease outbreak is only growing,^[12] which requires the stakeholders in the exhibition industry to adjust the perceptions of the risks and expectations for preparedness for infectious disease outbreaks.

This document describes the essential elements of a contingency plan that supports the industry's stakeholders to ensure prevention and control of infection during an infectious disease outbreak, before, during and after the exhibition. A contingency plan in infection prevention and control is a strategy designed to address potential risks and uncertainties associated with a disease outbreak or epidemic. It outlines a set of predetermined actions and protocols to be implemented in response to such an outbreak, ensuring an effective and coordinated response to mitigate the ramifications of the outbreak.

With regard to the process and structure of infection control, this document applies the framework specified in ISO 22320 for managing infection-related incidents.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a contingency plan with a set of actions and protocols, associated with infection prevention and control (IPC), to be implemented in response to any infectious disease outbreak, applicable during the entire cycle of an exhibition, i.e. its planning, operating and evaluating stages.

The contingency plan in this document focuses on the following elements: risk assessment, surveillance and early detection, continuity of essential services, capacity building and rapid response mechanism.

The contingency plan describes recommendations for organizers, venue operators, service providers, exhibitors and participants in terms of their roles and responsibilities at each stage of the exhibition during an infectious disease outbreak.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 25639-1, *Exhibitions and events — Part 1: Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 25639-1 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 contingency plan

set of actions and protocols for responding to an infectious disease outbreak

3.2 person under investigation PUI

patient with either clinical or epidemiological risk factors, or both, for an infectious disease, but who has not yet tested positive for the disease

3.3 personal protective equipment PPE

device or appliance designed to be worn or held by an individual for protection against one or more health and safety hazards

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