

## Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) - PCEI Communicate No. 2 of March 02, 2020

**Polish Chamber of Exhibition Industry** is monitoring current important information and reports on the spreading of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Europe and actions taken in connection therewith.

At the same time, based on the current knowledge, obtained from the World Health Organization WHO, the Ministry of Health and the National Sanitary Inspector, according Polish Chamber of Exhibition Industry - at the moment – there are no contraindications for the trade fairs to be held as planned for year 2020 on condition that caution is exercised and the action complies with the National Sanitary Inspector guidelines. The decision to organize a trade fair / exhibition is in the discretion of an individual organizers after risk assessment and in consultation with local crisis staffs and the Provincial Sanitary and Epidemiological Station.

Until today, no exhibition in Poland has been cancelled and only have been postponed. From the beginning of 2020, among others such trade exhibitions have taken place: Furniture 2020 Fair in Poznań, Cavaliada in Lublin, Cavaliada in Kraków, Agro-Park in Lublin, Apartments and Houses Fair in Łódź, Interbud in Łódź, ENEX / ENEX Nowa Energia in Kielce, EKOTECH in Kielce, GARDENIA in Poznań, TOUR SALON in Poznań, or Mazurskie Agro Show in Ostróda.

All the leading exhibition organizers in Poland – the Members of PCEI are in constant contact with the crisis staffs in their voivodships. Ensuring safety and comfort of exhibitors and visitors, the organizers have implemented all the procedures recommended by WHO and the National Sanitary Inspectorate. Prior to any exhibition decisions ensuring safety at the event are consulted with the crisis staff of the voivodships in which a particular exhibition takes place. We also forward the above recommendations to other trade fair organizers in Poland.

As a part of the procedures related to preventing the spread of coronavirus, the largest exhibition organizers in Poland – the Members of PCEI:

- with the utmost attention are monitoring the messages published by the National Sanitary Inspectorate (GIS);
- are in constant contact with national sanitary and medical services and strictly follow their recommendations;
- maintain high standards of safety in every area, including medical care, exhibition protection and personal safety during a trade fairs, which are in direct contact with the local Sanitary and Epidemiological Station and the relevant hospital;
- take additional measures to maintain the cleanliness of the facilities in accordance with the recommendations of the sanitary services.

Thanks to the above mentioned procedures and constant monitoring of the situation, the organizers of trade fairs in Poland – The PCEI Members - have decided that trade fair events will take place according to the current schedule.

Polish Chamber of Exhibition Industry supports the above activities by monitoring reports of the WHO and the National Sanitary Inspector on a current basis and by providing relevant guidelines to the Chamber Members, as well as by making them available at websites <https://polfair.pl>.

More information on the recommendations:

Ministry of Health: <https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/co-musisz-wiedziec-o-koronawirusie>

WHO World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>