

Accessing the trade fair grounds will require CH3CK for CoVID 19

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This means you will need to fulfill one of these three options for accessing the trade fair grounds: You will need to be

- **fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks before)**
- **recovered (minimum 28 days, no longer than 3 months ago)**
- **tested negative (Antigene test max 24 h and PCR test max 48 h)**

Anyone wishing to enter the trade fair grounds must present appropriate verified digital proof that complies with [the Covid digital certificate \(EU DCC\)](#) combined with an official photo ID.

Find out more details and learn about the required processes below. Of course your IAW trade fair team will also be happy to advise you personally at any time.



3G: vaccinated, recovered, tested

Status ‚vaccinated‘

For the ‚vaccinated‘ status, full vaccination with a vaccine listed by the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute must have taken place at least 14 days ago. Full vaccination means that the second dose has also been administered, provided two doses are required for the vaccine in question. Vaccines authorised in the EU are permitted. The EU Commission has approved the following four vaccines thus far: BioNTech/Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Janssen Pharmaceutica NV (Johnson and Johnson). Versions of EU-approved vaccines that have been approved abroad (original or licensed production) are also recognised. You can find more information [here](#). Please note that you will need an EU Digital Covid Certificate (EU DCC) as proof. If you have been vaccinated with another vaccine, you will not be considered vaccinated and will therefore have to present a current negative test. To access the trade fair grounds, you will need an EU Digital Covid Certificate (EU DCC) as proof.

Status ‚recovered‘

For the ‚recovered‘ status, infection must have occurred at least 28 days and up to three months ago. Three months after the infection, the ‚recovered‘ status expires. You will then need a negative test result or vaccination. If the infection occurred more than three months ago, those who have recovered will only require one vaccination to be considered fully vaccinated (valid after 14 days after the vaccination). To access the trade fair grounds, you will need an EU Digital Covid Certificate (EU DCC) as proof.

Status ‚tested‘

A current negative test result is required for the ‚tested‘ status. The result must be confirmed by an official test centre. Please note that your test result for the Antigen test must not be older than 24 hours and for the PCR test 48 hours. This may require a new test if you wish to enter the trade fair grounds on more than one day. Please refer to the following website to find test centres: <https://map.schnelltestportal.de/>. For test centres near the Cologne trade fair grounds, you can enter the postcode 50679 in your search. To access the trade fair grounds, you will need an EU Digital Covid Certificate (EU DCC) as proof of your negative test result. Please filter for ‚Digital Covid Certificate‘ in the overview for this purpose.



Important information for your visit at the fair

Entry requirements for participants:

[Entry Requirements for Trade Fair Participants from Abroad - AUMA](#)

[Coronavirus-Einreiseverordnung \(CoronaEinreiseV\) \(bundesgesundheitsministerium.de\)](#)

Entry requirements for trade fair exhibitors:

[BMI - Civil Protection - Coronavirus: Frequently Asked Questions \(bund.de\)](#)

As a general rule it is possible for business travellers to enter Germany to visit trade fairs. The following documents are necessary to provide sufficient evidence that entry is absolutely necessary:

- for trade fair exhibitors: confirmation of participation from the trade fair organizer
- for trade fair visitors: a ticket for entry to the trade fair and confirmation from at least one exhibitor that the visitor has an appointment for a business meeting at the trade fair.

Regardless of the criteria stated above, the decision on whether to permit entry is at the discretion of the officers conducting border checks.

Travellers are also required to complete [digital registration on entry](#), to [present proof of a negative COVID-19 test result](#) depending on the [risk status](#) of the country of departure or the mode of transport (aircraft), and to comply with the quarantine regulations.

