

Melbourne Art Fair

COVID-19 Guidelines

Melbourne Art Fair looks forward to welcoming you to its 2022 edition, 17-20 February 2022 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. These COVID-19 guidelines have been formulated to ensure the safety of all visitors, exhibitors, and staff; to address the requirements that Melbourne Art Fair must fulfill in order to stage the fair and to comply with the regulations and recommendations of the Victorian Government, as well as those of the venue and with the health and safety of our visitors, galleries, suppliers and staff as our first priority.

These rules and guidelines apply to all attendees of Melbourne Art Fair 2022.

Children under the age of 16 are exempt from these guidelines but are required to wear a mask unless they are 12 years and under. In this instance, attendees include, but are not limited to exhibitors, VIP guests, partners, suppliers, visitors, and contractors and suppliers. Those unwilling to abide by these measures and protocols may be asked to leave, as their presence will represent a potential health and safety risk for other Melbourne Art Fair attendees.

1. Vaccination Certificate

1.1 COVID - 19 Certificate and Wristband Obtention

To enter the fair, visitors will need to obtain an access wristband at entry, proving that they possess a valid COVID-19 vaccination certificate. This certificate will prove that the attendee fulfills one of the below criteria. Wristbands are issued to people that show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination certificate, presented on a recognised Australian Government State Services app or as a download from myGov.

1.2 Rules for Guests From a Country Other Than Australia vaccinated with a vaccine that has been approved by the Federal Government

Guests who were vaccinated outside Australia with a vaccine that has been approved by the TGA can simply present their proof of vaccination, as well as valid photo ID. Upon certification of their proof of vaccination, visitors will receive an Melbourne Art Fair wristband that grants them entry into the fair.

2. Entry and Exit Protocol

Attendees must show their access wristband ,as well as their VIP pass, exhibitor pass , or ticket, to enter the fair. The access wristband will be issued at entry upon validation of a visitor's COVID-19 vaccination certificate, which proves the attendee has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Those wishing to enter the venue will be instructed to wait in line, follow floor signage and host instructions, and wear a mask. Melbourne Art Fair reserves the right to deny entry to the fair to attendees deemed a health and safety risk. In such an unlikely event, ticket costs may be reimbursed.

3. Hygiene and Contact Reduction

3.1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Wearing a mask on the fair's premises will be a condition of entry for all visitors and staff members. This includes the queuing areas prior to entering the halls. Masks will be available for purchase on-site. Lastly, all security staff, as well as hosts, will wear protective masks.

3.2. Hand Hygiene

Frequent, thorough handwashing with soap and water is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19. The venue will ensure that washing facilities with soap and water are available throughout the building.

If attendees cannot regularly wash their hands with soap and water, they must disinfect them with hand sanitizer. Hand-sanitizer stations will be positioned at entrances and exits, toilets, desks and welcoming areas, catering areas, as well as various common areas.

3.3. Reducing Surface Contact

In order to keep surface contact to a minimum, Melbourne Art Fair will implement the following measures:

- Touch-based artworks will be limited and regularly cleaned. Visitors must disinfect their hands prior to touching the work
- Ticket / VIP pass check upon entry will be contactless
- Contactless payment will be available at points of sale
- Physical contact between staff and attendees at entrances and security checks will be reduced to a minimum
- Tickets for the cloakroom will not be reusable

3.4. No-contact Policy

We ask attendees and staff to avoid physical contact such as hugging and shaking hands.

4. FairArchitecture and Physical Distancing

While physical distancing will not be obligatory inside the halls, Melbourne Art Fair will nonetheless implement measures that may allow visitors to keep an adequate distance from each other.

- Melbourne Art Fair has implemented widened aisles throughout the show floor

- Visitors should keep a distance of 1.5m between each other in the queuing areas outside the building
- The number of visitors in the halls will be closely monitored. Should new capacity-related rules and recommendations be issued by state authorities, Melbourne Art Fair may adjust the halls' capacity during public days.
- Fewer tickets will be sold for access to the fair on public days
- Melbourne Art Fair has adjusted its fair architecture for a more even distribution of attendees throughout the venues.

5. Sanitation

5.1. Cleaning of the facility

The MCEC and Melbourne Art Fair will increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection of premises, especially frequently touched surfaces and items. These include, but are not limited to bathrooms, counters, entrance and exit areas, cloakrooms, door handles, lift panels, stair railings, escalator handrails, and technical equipment.

In addition, Melbourne Art Fair will provide surface disinfectant to all exhibitors as part of their care package, and encourages them to thoroughly disinfect all surfaces that will be regularly touched.

6. Ticketing And Registration

6.1. Ticketing

Melbourne Art Fair has implemented digital ticketing. Tickets will no longer be able to be purchased at the fair. Tickets can be purchased via <https://melbourneartfair.com.au/visitor-information/#tickets>.

6.2. VIP Passes

VIP Passes are by invitation only and are now fully digital. All VIPs will be required to pre-register their attendance to receive their digital VIP Pass.

6.3. Contactless Checkpoints

Ticket and VIP Pass scanners that allow for contactless credential verification will be used at all entrances. Staff will be available to assist with any issues.

7. Catering

7.1. Catering Outlets

The MCEC follows strict hygienic standards. Hand disinfection stations will be available at all catering outlets. Waiting zones will be clearly marked. All catering staff will wear masks.

7.2. Seating and Layout

General seating will be placed so that guests will be at a safe distance from other guests. Please do not rearrange public seating to accommodate your own needs as it will have been arranged with health and safety measures in mind

8. Further Precautionary Measures

8.1 Health and Safety Guidance

Melbourne Art Fair continues to monitor the situation thoroughly and remains in close contact with the venue and state government to provide its visitors with the most accurate and up to date information. Additional measures may be required for entry to the fair. Melbourne Art Fair will communicate these details to attendees as early as possible.

8.2 COVID-19 COVID Marshals

To ensure that health and safety measures are being respected, several COVID marshals will be present at the venue. They will reiterate key health messages and support visitors where required throughout the venue.

8.4 Events

To avoid large groups or crowds congregating, events hosted by Melbourne Art Fair will take place with limited capacity. Those participating in these events must continue to abide by the rules described above. The format of specific Melbourne Art Fair events might have to be

altered in order to comply with the rules stipulated by state or local authorities ,. Melbourne Art Fair will inform guests of event-specific health and safety measures should these differ from the rules outlined above. Melbourne Art Fair cannot be held liable for the format and structure of events hosted by third parties, including partners and clients.

8.5 Contractors and Suppliers

All contractors and suppliers hired by MAF during Melbourne Art Fair in Melbourne will have to wear masks whenever on the fair's premises.