

18 - 21 FEB 2022 SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

#### **COVID-SAFE EVENT**

The Australian Gift & Homewares Association (AGHA) put the health and safety of employees, members and visitors first. To safely operate our exhibitions and allow you to do business face-to-face again, the following Covid-Safe Practices will be in place for all AGHA events.



## RISK ASSESSMENT & COVID-SAFE EVENT PLAN

Both the venue and AGHA will complete comprehensive risk assessments and develop approved Covid-Safe plans to ensure your safety.



#### SOCIAL DISTANCING

All visitors are encouraged to maintain social distancing standards and refrain from handshaking, hugging and kissing at the event.



# REGISTRATION, ENTRY & CHECK-IN

All visitors must register with a unique email address and mobile number for contact tracing purposes. No-contact registration is available with a unique QR code emailed to visitors prior to the event for fast-track entry. Check-in will also be required on entry via the Service NSW app, subject to current health orders.



## CROWD SAFETY & OCCUPANCY STANDARDS

Attendance will be limited based on the square metre occupancy rule at the time of the event subject to current Government restrictions. Crowds will also be managed through physical distancing, wider aisleways, access controls and one-way traffic flow where possible.



## HAND HYGIENE & MANDATORY MASKS

Hand sanitiser will be available at key locations within the event. Everyone is encouraged to practice good hand hygiene regularly. Masks are currently mandatory for this event subject to current health orders, please ensure you bring your own mask each day of the event.



## NO CASH SALES & PERSONAL SHOPPING POLICY

To help us reduce congestion in thoroughfares and the elimination of cash and product handling we advise that personal shopping will not be permitted at any time during the show.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, FULL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY APPLY. VISIT SYDNEYGIFT.COM.AU FOR FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND COVID-SAFE EVENT PLAN.



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# SYDNEY GIFT FAIR WILL BE A COVID SAFE EVENT

AGHA will provide a best practice COVID SAFE environment for the SYDNEY GIFT FAIR and adhere to all current NSW Public Health Orders and recommendations. BUT the most important aspect of maintaining a safe environment is to understand that common sense and personal wellbeing is everyone's responsibility. It is important to note that the exhibition floor is not different to a shopping centre except far more controls will be in place.

#### Some of the specific procedures being implemented -

- As per NSW Public Health Orders face masks will be mandatory during move in, operational days and move out. It will be a strict condition of entry that face masks are worn at all times unless an official exemption has been obtained prior to the event and relevant documentation available. AGHA will be providing face masks for visitors requiring them and sanitising stations throughout the exhibition.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to provide sanitiser and a Covid safe environment on their stands where possible.
- AGHA will have complete contact details for every person involved in the event and for the first-time unique emails and phone numbers for every person
- Enhanced social distancing particularly in regard queuing, catering and visitor flow
- Contactless registration, specific entrances and exits
- Wider aisleways
- Had approval from SOPA to move Parking from P5 to P1 (much closer and no need for shuttle buses). AGHA will pay for an open air shuttle train from P1 for those that may require transport.
- 6 Covid Safe marshals will be employed by AGHA to ensure a safe environment is implemented onsite and provide advice and assistance to exhibitors and visitors when necessary.

#### **VACCINATION STATEMENT**

In January 2022 AGHA sought specific advice from NSW Health regarding vaccination requirements for venues and events in NSW. Most premises in NSW are now fully open to everyone, regardless of whether individuals are fully vaccinated or not. People no longer need to show evidence that they are fully vaccinated at most premises in NSW. In fact, people in NSW are no longer are required to carry evidence of vaccination.

Since December 15 2021, NSW shopping centres, venues, theatres, sporting stadiums, restaurants and all public transport are free from any vaccination status restrictions and as such this includes the Sydney Showground complex. The only NSW Public Health Order that places a restriction on the Gift Fair is the requirement to wear face masks at all times while at the Fair and a 1 person per 2 square metre cap on attendees is in place.

In practical terms, to check the vaccination status of hundreds of people entering the venue would be a logistical nightmare, create a social distancing bottleneck and create significant angst amongst patrons not being required to produce vaccination status anywhere else in Sydney.

Based on this advice and the inherent logistical issues, AGHA has made the decision that there will be no vaccination requirement for the Sydney Gift Fair at this stage, but may change based on changing circumstances, ongoing advice or health orders.