

EFEF SHOWCASE COVID 19 GUIDANCE

To make the most of our event we want you to feel safe and relaxed in each other's company. We ask that all of our delegates attend the Showcase in Manchester fully vaccinated and having taken a lateral flow test as a consideration to our team, artists, public and other delegates. Please do not travel to Manchester if you are feeling unwell.

Without official government guidance, as is the case in England, our venues have adopted different approaches which are a mix of mask wearing, vaccine passports, increased ventilation and cleaning.

Recognising that everyone, including our delegates, are at different stages of recovery from the shock of the pandemic, EFeX encourages mask wearing indoors as a consideration to other delegates, staff, artists and public audiences.

Below is a specific breakdown of COVID 19 guidance which will be relevant to you as delegates. Please do read this so that you know what to expect whilst in Manchester.

RULES IN ENGLAND

The UK government no longer has any mandatory COVID rules in place in England (although to travel into the country there are restrictions that must be observed). Without government guidance, each venue, festival and event has had to formulate their own guidance in line with the balance between safety and normality. We ask you to respect the requests from venues and our team as we try to provide leadership in these tricky times.

TESTING

Lateral flow (or antigen) tests are readily available in Manchester. You can collect these from pharmacies or drop in to one of the many test centres. We strongly encourage regular testing.

Click [HERE](#) for a link to the nearest facilities.

IF YOU DEVELOP SYMPTOMS

If you have any of these 3 coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, even if mild, you must isolate and get a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed

Click [HERE](#) to find out more information and to book a PCR test.

MANCHESTER FOLK FESTIVAL AUDIENCES

We hire venues for our events. This means that each venue has a different approach to COVID safety. Please be aware that whilst some venues may require audiences to wear a mask, prove they are tested or socially distance, this is not the case with all venues. Delegates need to be aware that for some concerts, audiences may not be following any precautions, indeed in recent weeks mask wearing amongst the general public in Manchester is rare. A full list of venue rules can be found [HERE](#)

DELEGATE ONLY EVENTS

We ask that delegates wear a mask at all delegate only events, unless you are eating or drinking. Please respect that other delegates may feel uncomfortable with close contact or not wearing masks.

PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS

Some venues may request proof of vaccination status to enter, please have this readily available to speed up accessing concerts. If you are a UK resident, you should download the [NHS App](#) for this proof.