

## LA BIENNALE DI VENEZIA

### GENERAL ANTI COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR THE 17<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE EXHIBITION PRE-OPENING

#### General premise

La Biennale di Venezia will apply national and regional Anti Covid-19 protocols currently in place in Italy and in the Veneto Region for the organization of the institutional activities planned for 2021. The same line of conduct has been implemented in 2020 for the organisation of the Exhibition *The Disquieted Muses* and four Festivals: Cinema, Theatre, Music and Dance, which ran from the end of August until the end of October and had safely more than 120.000 visitors.

Here below a list of the main Anti Covid-19 measures to be applied as of today (April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021).

#### PRE-OPENING GUIDELINES

##### Visitors and invitations

All visitors coming from abroad will be requested to provide a molecular/antigenic swab taken 72/48 hours before the arrival in Italy.

These prescriptions are related to the country of origin and, also, to several updatings and changes, that can be checked at the following link from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation website: [https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index\\_en.html](https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index_en.html)

*Please comply to all requests and protocols mentioned in the website for a safe journey.*

*Negative results of the swab taken by participants arriving from abroad will have to be uploaded by each participant in the invitations system managed by La Biennale di Venezia. Only once this process is completed, they will receive the final invitation to the pre-opening.*

*This procedure will allow participants coming from abroad to stay for a maximum of 120 hours without quarantine (as of Italian national guidelines and protocols of April 12<sup>th</sup> 2021).*

All participants to the pre-opening will be traced through the invitation system of La Biennale di Venezia. The maximum number of visitors contemporarily present in the venues will be defined by La Biennale di Venezia referring to the characteristics of the exhibition, the dimension of the internal routes, the presence of accessible installation, etc. For National Participations, this will happen in strict coordination with the Anti Covid-19 manager appointed by each Pavilion.

Invitations will be exclusively digital.

### **Opening events**

During the special preview (May 19<sup>th</sup>) and the pre-opening (May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>), in order to avoid gathering of guests and visitors, in all the venues and in all the Pavilions, the following guidelines and measures shall be respected:

- it is highly recommended to organize an official opening ceremony in an outdoor area, set up in a static configuration, with spaced out seating and restricted number of participants. La Biennale di Venezia will make available for the Participants various areas in Arsenale and Giardini. These areas will be subject to reservation.
- during the pre-opening days, venues have to guarantee a separate entrance and exit system. There will be a one-way exhibition route to minimize the possible clustering and gathering of visitors inside the venue. The Arsenale entrance will be at Porta Duca Degli Abruzzi and the exit at Giardino delle Vergini, by means of Ponte dei Pensieri.

### **Temperature checking**

The main accesses of Arsenale and Giardini exhibition area, will be equipped with thermo scanners – measuring temperature of the visitors before entering the premises. According to the Anti Covid-19 protocols, no one having 37.5°C or more as a temperature will be allowed to enter the spaces.

### **Compulsory masks**

Masks will have to be used constantly during the visit, in all indoor and outdoor spaces.

### **Hands sanitation**

Visitors will have to use hydroalcoholic solutions for washing hands, available before entering the venues. Each pavilion has to provide dispensers for their visitors if prescribed by their Anti Covid-19 manager.

### **Social distancing inside the venue**

Inside the venues and during the visit participants will have to respect social distancing defined in at least 1 metre. La Biennale will implement adequate systems to manage people in line and organize dedicated internal routes inside the venues for the visitors.

### **Social distancing for all the activities**

A protocol implying social distancing will be in place for all activities: walk-in installations, meetings and seminars, bookshop, bar and restaurants, etc.

This should imply the reduction in the number of visitors simultaneously allowed inside the exhibition venues and in the other above mentioned activities in order to guarantee the safe distance needed.

### **Entrance and exit**

Venues will have to guarantee a separate entrance and exit system. There shall be a one-way exhibition route to minimize the possible clustering and gathering of visitors inside the venue.