

## UPDATE STATEMENT CORONAVIRUS

*Maastricht 1 March 2020*, Following our last communication, we would like to update you on the most recent developments related to the on-going spread of the coronavirus and what this means for TEFAF, its visitors, exhibitors, partners and employees.

In collaboration with the local and national health authorities TEFAF has been and will continue to closely monitor the on-going outbreak on a daily basis. Following the assessment of the local and national authorities, we have today - March 1, 2020 -received yet again the confirmation that the fair can responsibly go ahead.

Please see below to the signed statement from Annemarie Penn-Te Strake, Mayor of Maastricht, Theo Bovens, Governor of Limburg and Rob van de Wiel, Managing director of MECC.

Following the advice of local and national health authorities, we have not received instructions regarding the restriction or regulation of individuals at the fair.

Further to the Dutch authority's advice, TEFAF is taking extra precautionary measures, such as additional all-day cleaning services and distribution and placement of hand sanitizers at the fair. The local health authorities will set up an information desk in the entrance area at the MECC.

We at TEFAF are very proud to be a global fair, represented by exhibitors from 22 countries showing 7000 year of excellence in art. We are looking forward to welcoming guests from all over the world celebrating our art community. We are grateful to the fair operations team for all their hard work; the fair is nearly ready and looks wonderful. Finally, we would like to thank our exhibitors for their trust in TEFAF and for again bringing the most marvelous art in the world to Maastricht.

We will continue to monitor the situation very carefully and issue updates on our website as the situation evolves. There will be a daily morning meeting at the MECC with the mayor, the governor and the managing director of the MECC. Please do not hesitate to contact any members of the team if you have any questions or concerns.

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Gemeente Maastricht

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To: Board TEFAF

Subject: Corona-virus

Maastricht, 01-03-2020

Dear board members,

In recent days we have held intensive consultations about the situation regarding the Corona virus and the upcoming edition of the TEFAF.

To answer the question whether TEFAF should be canceled in connection with the Corona-virus, the mayor is advised by RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) and the South Limburg Security Region. The mayor receives real-time information from these services. Neither the recommendations of RIVM nor those of the Security Region give any reason to cancel TEFAF at this time.

National instructions are decisive for considerations of public order and safety and health. The mayor is in contact with the Ministry for this purpose. To date, there is no national directive to cancel (international) events in the Netherlands. If there are cases in the region people will be monitored in the region which will still be no reason for cancellation.

The local authorities feel, just like the TEFAF board, the responsibility for the well-being of the participants, customers and visitors to the exhibition. To this end, all possible precautionary measures are taken and attention is paid to a thorough information provision. There are, among other things, extra desinfectants, a health desk is set up and there are short lines of communication with the authorities.

A TEFAF team and local authorities will monitor the situation on a daily basis based on current guidelines from the ministry and competent authorities. The preventive measures are also discussed and established in this team.

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