

2022 MNRS Annual Meeting COVID Code of Conduct

Your Guide to a Safe and Successful Conference





Stronger Together

The success of the conference depends on everyone taking responsibility for following the guidelines at all times – starting now. Please read this carefully and understand how it applies to you – including screening, testing, restrictions on where you can go, hygiene, mask wearing and physical distancing measures.

We have learned that overcoming the continued challenges will require flexibility and commitment. We want to thank you sincerely for your resilience and solidarity. Together we will create a safe and wonderful conference experience.

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Before Leaving Home MNRS Attendees Will Be Required To:

- Provide a negative PCR molecular test taken within 72 hours of arrival in order to attend. The test must be verified from a provider (pharmacy, testing facility, doctor, etc.) and cannot be an at-home test. In lieu of a negative test, you can upload proof of vaccination.
- Follow relevant guidance provided by the CDC and local health authorities.
- Adhere to government issued travel restrictions and guidance issued by the region you will be traveling to and the region you are traveling from.
- Evaluate your own health and that of people you are in close contact with; contact the meeting organizer if you have concerns.
- Stay home if you feel sick.

On-site During the Event MNRS Attendees Will Be Required To:

- **Wearing a face mask is required at all times unless actively eating, drinking, or presenting at a lecture or panel.**
- Wear your name badge at all times while in the convention center or other sponsored MNRS events.
- Follow relevant guidance provided by the CDC, local health authorities and safety protocols deemed appropriate by the venue and Society.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Attendees that experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately and contact MNRS's Senior Meetings Manager, Jessica Nickerson, at 501-697-7778 to receive instructions on next steps. Any health concerns will be handled privately and discreetly for attendee privacy.

Post-Conference:

- Each attendee is responsible for researching protocols in their local area and adhering to them. Based on current contact tracing advice from many health authorities, if you test positive for COVID-19 up to 5 days after returning home, if fully vaccinated and 10 days if unvaccinated. Please contact the meeting/event organizers to advise them.

Registration

Registration:

Please visit the [Registration Tab](#) to register. Your login credentials are the same for this website as they are for the MNRS website.

Registration Requirements:

With the health and safety of our members, attendees, MNRS staff, and the Hotel staff in mind, we have implemented the below changes to the 2022 Annual Meeting:

- All in-person attendees must agree to provide proof of a negative COVID PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before arriving at the Conference. Alternately, in-person attendees may voluntarily submit their vaccination card showing proof of vaccination (please note: the definition of fully-vaccinated may change). All information will be submitted to a 3rd party site and kept confidential.
- All accompanying guests (excluding children) must provide proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test in order to enter the meeting space, including registration. Children-in-arms that have not been vaccinated may not attend any Society event in the hotel.

Health and Safety Requirements:

We look forward to welcoming attendees to the in-person experience in Schaumburg. The health and safety of attendees, presenters, staff, and local community is a priority for the Society.

Any attendee not complying with the mandated safety protocol will be asked to comply by staff. If there is repeated non-compliance, the attendee will be asked to leave the meeting space and will not be permitted to return.



Before You Go - Domestic Travelers

Before heading to the conference, please visit <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19.html> for any current updates. Please check your email prior to leaving for any updates from MNRS. If you are not feeling well, stay home. Those visiting Illinois should reference the local measures in place to keep travelers and residents safe, such as social distancing, and high standards of cleanliness in accordance with CDC and EPA guidelines. Masks are recommended in all indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

For travelers on domestic flights:

- 1 At this time, airlines are not requiring vaccination cards to fly domestically. Be sure to follow your airlines regulations for travel.

Checking into the hotel:

- 2 You can view Marriott International Commitment to Clean [here](#). Fully vaccinated guests are no longer required to wear face coverings or social distance in indoor or outdoor areas of the hotel, unless required by local law. We ask that unvaccinated guests and associates continue to wear face coverings and practice social distancing when they are in public spaces inside the hotel. All Associates working in substantial or high transmission areas as defined by the CDC are required to wear face coverings when indoors.

Name badges:

- 3 Name badges are required to enter the meeting space. Please be sure to pick up your name badge upon arrival at the hotel to minimize lines at registration. Only MNRS attendees and guests registered in our system will be allowed in the meeting space.



Before You Go - International Travelers

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For international travelers, regardless of vaccination status:

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Required to provide evidence of either a negative PCR molecular or antigen COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival or documentation of recovering from COVID-19 in the last 90 days. Airlines will validate prior to boarding the plane using the [Airline Checklist](#).

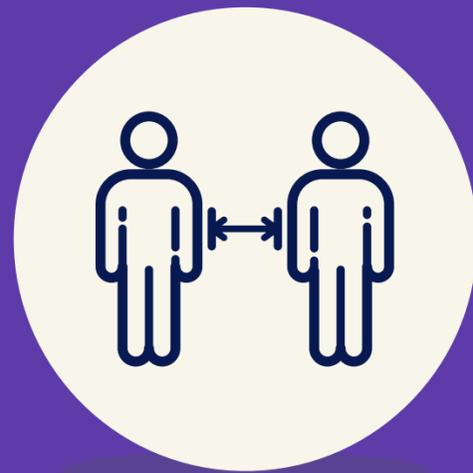
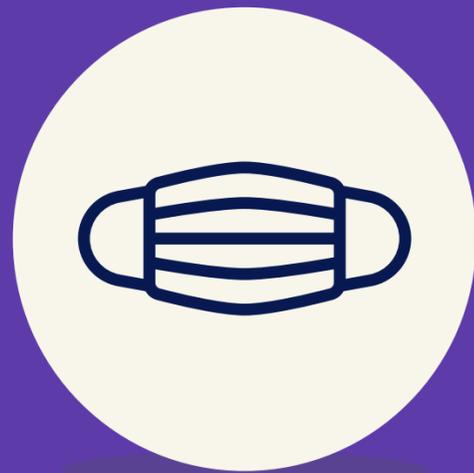
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During the Conference

MNRS Mask and Social Distancing Requirement:

Masks will be required during the in-person meeting in alignment with Cooke county Requirements. Masks are required except in the following limited circumstances:

1. When actively eating or drinking.
2. When presenting at a lecture or panel. We recommend poster presenters wear a mask while presenting.

With in-person meetings, having appropriate social distancing is challenging. MNRS will work closely with the Renaissance Schaumburg to provide as much spacing in seating areas as possible.

Please note, there will be events during the annual meeting (meal or reception events) where attendees will be unmasked while eating. Attendees should use their best judgement and assess their comfort level when deciding to attend these events.

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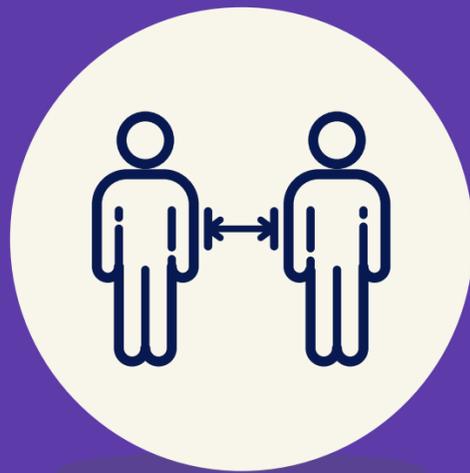
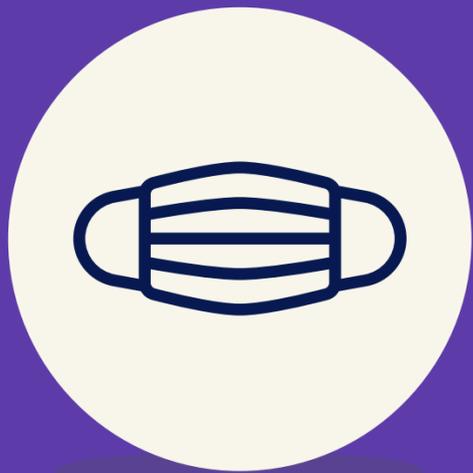
if You Have Symptoms During the Conference:

Attendees that experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately and contact MNRS Senior Meetings Manager, Jessica Nickerson, at 501-697-7778 to receive instructions on next steps. Any health concerns will be handled privately and discreetly for attendee privacy.

In the Meeting Space:

Only those that are registered as an attendee or guest for the MNRS Meeting (and therefore provided proof of vaccination at the time of registering) will be permitted in the Meeting Space. Staff will be checking badges at the meeting space entrance every day. Vaccinated individuals will be noted either on the name badge/bracelet per Cook County guidelines.

As MNRS continues to track the rate of COVID transmission and public health guidance, this policy may be updated accordingly. Any attendee not complying with the mandated safety protocols will be asked to comply by staff. **If there is refusal to comply or repeated non-compliance, the attendee will be asked to leave the convention center and not allowed to return.**



Returning Home

Quarantine mandates, recommendations, and entry requirements may vary by state, country, and individual institutions. Each attendee is responsible for researching these protocols in their local area and adhering to them.

What if your country/state/institution requires a negative PCR test to return? Is MNRS providing testing?

MNRS will not have onsite testing for departures. Attendees that are required to provide a negative test are responsible for arranging the test and transportation to and from the testing center.

Regardless of your vaccination status, if you get sick with fever, cough, or other symptoms of COVID-19, or test positive after returning home:

- Isolate if you are sick. Stay home and take other precautions. Avoid contact with others until it's safe for you to end home isolation.
- Don't travel when you are sick.
- You might have COVID-19. If you do, know that most people are able to recover at home without medical care.
- Stay in touch with your doctor. Call before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room and let them know you might have COVID-19.
- If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), get emergency medical care immediately.
- If you live in close quarters with others, take additional precautions to protect them.

Based on current contact tracing advice from many health authorities, if you test positive for COVID-19 up to 5 days after returning home, please contact the MNRS Sr. Meetings Manager, Jessica Nickerson at jnickerson@parthenonmgmt.com or 501-697-7778 so that contact tracing protocol can be initiated.

FAQs

What if my country/state/institution requires a negative PCR test to return? Is MNRS providing testing?

No, MNRS will not have onsite testing for departures. Attendees that are required to provide a negative test are responsible for arranging the test and transportation to and from the testing center.

If I need to request a vaccine exemption; how do I proceed?

Attendees will provide a negative PCR molecular test taken within 72 hours of arrival in order to attend. The test must be verified from a provider (pharmacy, testing facility, doctor, etc.) and cannot be an at-home test. In lieu of a negative test, you can upload proof of vaccination.

Who will be permitted in the meeting space for the Meeting?

Only those that are registered as an attendee for the MNRS Meeting (and therefore provided proof of vaccination at the time of registering) will be permitted in the meeting space. Staff will be checking badges at the meeting space entrance every day. Family or travel guests that are *not registered with MNRS* are not allowed to enter the venue (including children).

Are masks required to attend the meeting?

No, masks are recommended to be worn indoors at all times (with the exception of when eating or drinking) regardless of vaccination status. Speakers are allowed to remove their mask while at the podium only. Poster presenters are highly encouraged to wear masks while presenting.

If I am fully vaccinated, why do I have to wear a mask?

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends masks for all indoor activities regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not currently required by the city of Tucson for all indoor activities at public venues and for any outdoor activity with a group of 50 or more people. MNRS is recommending all attendees wear a mask.

FAQs

Will any physical distancing requirements be implemented?

Although the session rooms at the venue are good sizes for the purpose of educational sessions, they were not designed with physical distancing in mind; we have limitations regarding distancing within the meeting space. MNRS will make every effort to ensure enough space for attendees to distance themselves, but it will not be possible for all events.

I want to cancel my participation in the annual meeting; how do I get a refund?

All cancellation requests must be received in writing to MNRS via email at info@mnrs.org. Cancellations received on or before February 25, will be issued a refund less the \$50 processing fee. Cancellations requested after the 25th will not be issued a refund. Registration transfers to another individual is always honored.

If I cancel my participation in light of the new COVID-19 safety protocol, will MNRS reimburse me for my travel including hotel accommodation?

MNRS will not reimburse any travel-related expenses to attendees or speakers. Attendees should contact the airlines and hotels directly for reimbursements.

Are there other local mandates I need to be aware of?

You must be vaccinated to eat or drink within the facilities. Please review all communication from MNRS for updates.

What happens if I have symptoms while onsite at the Meeting?

Attendees that experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately and contact MNRS's Senior Meetings Manager, Jessica Nickerson at 501-697-7778 to receive further instructions. Any health concerns will be handled privately and discreetly for attendee privacy.