

Society for Research on Biological Rhythms Biennial Conference 2022

Your Guide to a Safe and Successful Conference





Stronger Together

The success of our conference depends on everyone taking responsibility for always following the health and safety guidelines starting now. Make sure you read this document carefully and understand how it applies to you including vaccination requirements, conference center admittance restrictions, hand hygiene, mask wearing and physical distancing options.

We know that overcoming the continued challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic will require flexibility and commitment. We want to thank you sincerely for your resilience and solidarity.

Together we will create a safe and informative conference experience.

SRBR COVID Code of Conduct



Before Leaving Home, SRBR Attendees Will Be Required To:

- Follow relevant guidance provided by the CDC and local health authorities.
- Adhere to government issued travel restrictions and guidance issued by your region of destination (Florida, USA) you will be traveling to and your region of origin.
- Evaluate your own health and that your close contacts; communicate with the SRBR Meeting Manager, Sarah Steele, at ssteele@parthenonmgmt.com if you have concerns.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- SRBR strongly recommends that attendees take a COVID-19 rapid test and achieve a negative result before beginning their travel.

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

- Wear a face mask at all times unless actively eating, drinking, or presenting at a lecture or panel. Poster presenters must wear a mask while presenting.
- Wear your name badge at all times while at the Conference or present at other sponsored SRBR events.
- Follow relevant guidance provided by the CDC and local health authorities, as well as safety protocols deemed appropriate by the venue and SRBR.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Attendees who experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately and contact SRBR's Meeting Manager, Sarah Steele, at (615) 314-5166 to receive instructions on next steps. Any health concerns will be handled discreetly for attendee privacy.

Post-Conference:

- Quarantine mandates, recommendations, and entry requirements may vary by state, country, and individual institutions.
- All attendees are responsible for researching these protocols in their local areas 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, please contact the meeting/event organizers to advise them.

Registration

Registration:

Please visit the [Registration Tab](#) to register.

Registration Requirements:

With the health and safety of our attendees, invited guests, SBBR staff, and the Conference staff in mind, we have implemented changes to the 2022 Conference:

- All in-person attendees must provide proof of full vaccination status and will be required to upload their completed vaccination card when they register for the meeting.
- Registrants who are unable to provide proof of vaccination and wish to claim medical exemption may request a medical exemption form from the SRBR Executive Office. The medical exemption form must be completed by a primary healthcare provider and submitted for review by the SRBR Executive Committee prior to arrival on-site in Florida.
- Only registered attendees will be allowed to enter the Conference space.

Health and Safety Requirements:

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

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 Conference and not allowed to return.



Masks are required during the conference!

During the conference

SRBR Mask and Social Distancing Requirements:

With the rising Delta and Omicron COVID-19 transmission rates in mind and to ensure the safest possible in-person SRBR Biennial Meeting, masks will be required during the in-person meeting. Masks are required except in the following limited circumstances:

- When actively eating or drinking.
- When presenting at a lecture or panel. (Poster presenters must wear a mask while presenting.)

With in-person meetings, having appropriate social distancing is challenging. SRBR will work closely with the Omni Amelia Island Resort to provide as much spacing in gathering areas as possible. Attendees may add a tag to their name badges indicating their comfort level with regard to social distancing. SRBR will provide the social distancing tags at registration check-in.

Please note, there will be events during the Biennial 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.

If You Have Symptoms During the Conference:

Attendees who experience symptoms or start to feel ill onsite should quarantine in their guestroom immediately and contact SRBR's Meeting Manager, Sarah Steele, at (615) 314-5166 to receive instructions on next steps. Any health concerns will be handled privately and discreetly for attendee privacy.



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During the conference

At The Conference Center

Only those who are registered as attendees will be permitted at the Conference. Staff will be checking badges at the Conference entrance every day. Family or travel guests that are not registered with SRBR are not allowed to enter the venue (including children) with the exception of the Opening Reception and Closing Banquet. Guests aged 5 and older that purchase tickets to these events must provide proof of vaccination at the time of purchase.

All attendees will be issued a name badge upon initial check-in at the meeting registration desk. Attendees should wear their name badge to the Conference each day. Attendees without a name badge will not be admitted to the Conference.

As SRBR 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 Conference Center and not allowed to return.

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Returning Home

Quarantine mandates, recommendations, and entry requirements may vary by state, country, and individual institutions. All attendees are 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 SRBR providing testing?

SRBR 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. The city of Amelia Island has COVID-19 testing centers available in the area. Use this link to locate a testing center near you in Florida:

https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/?display_map

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 can 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 SRBR Meetings Manager, Sarah Steele at ssteele@parthenonmgmt.com or (615) 314-5166 so that contact tracing protocol can be initiated.



FAQs

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

All in-person attendees must provide proof of full vaccination status and will be required to upload their completed vaccination card when they register for the meeting. Registrants who wish to claim medical exemption may request a medical exemption form from the SRBR Executive Office via email at info@srbr.org. The medical exemption form must be completed by a primary healthcare provider and submitted for review by the SRBR COVID-19 Committee prior to arrival on-site in Florida.

Who will be permitted at the Conference?

Only those who are registered as attendees for the SRBR Meeting (and therefore provided proof of vaccination or approved medical exemption at the time of registering) will be permitted at the Conference. Staff will be checking badges at the Conference entrance every day. Family or travel guests that are not registered with SRBR are not allowed to enter the venue (including children).

What will I need to enter the Conference?

All attendees will be issued a name badge upon initial check-in at the meeting registration desk. Attendees should wear their name badge to the Conference each day. Attendees without a name badge will not be admitted in the Conference.

Are masks required to attend the meeting?

Yes, masks are required 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 will be required to wear masks while presenting.

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 center. SRBR will make every effort to ensure enough space for attendees to distance themselves, but it will not be possible for all events.

FAQs

I want to cancel my participation in the Biennial Meeting; how do I get a refund?

Full registration refunds are available for cancellations requested in writing on or before March 15, 2022. A \$30.00 administrative fee will be applied for cancellations received between March 15, 2022 and April 1, 2022. Refunds will not be granted after April 1, 2022. Substitutions are allowed at any time. Refund requests should be made via written notice to the SRBR Executive Office at info@srbr.org.

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

SRBR will not be able to reimburse travel-related expenses to attendees or speakers. Attendees should contact the airlines and hotels directly for reimbursements. For more information about cancellation policies for Omni Resort and major airlines, [click here](#).

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

All local mandates for COVID-19 can be found on the Amelia Island website [here](#). As of March 1, 2022, no mandates are in place for Amelia Island or the state of Florida.

Is there a chance that SRBR may cancel the Biennial Conference?

We are optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to proceed in-person and will make every effort to ensure the meeting happens safely. Should government mandates restrict the meeting from occurring, additional updates will be delivered to registrants via email.

FAQs

What are the hotel, venue, and other vendors doing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19?

The Omni Resort at Amelia Island participates in the Omni Safe & Clean Program. The program includes advanced cleaning protocols for all public and meeting spaces throughout the hotel, limited contact with high-touch areas for guests, and enhanced safety protocols for response to COVID-19 cases and concerns. To read a full outline of the Omni Safe & Clean program, [click here](#).

Thank you again for your collaboration and cooperation!