



Updates from the Executive Committee

WCBR is committed to maximizing the safety of all in-person attendees while still providing the best forum for the latest research in scientific sessions, posters, and networking opportunities. Given the recent surge of the COVID-19 Delta variant, **WCBR is implementing a mandatory vaccine requirement for all in-person meeting attendees.** Entrance to the Conference Center and all designated WCBR meeting spaces will also be limited to registered scientific meeting attendees and staff only. Guests and children will still be welcome to attend the Mountain Lunch and Closing Banquet with purchased guest tickets.

Beginning Tuesday, September 28, all registrants will be required to upload a photo of their COVID-19 vaccination card. Those wishing to apply for a medical exemption authorized by their primary care provider may reach out to the WCBR Executive Office at info@winterbrain.org to request a medical exemption form. Attendees who have already completed the registration process will be contacted directly with further instructions.

During registration, attendees will also be asked to sign the WCBR Waiver and Release of Liability for Communicable Disease, acknowledging that they understand the risks involved with in-person meetings. Due to the evolving nature of COVID-19, WCBR will publish all final safety protocols (in the form of a COVID Code of Conduct) on December 1, 2021 to ensure that the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC is considered. Registrants will receive the COVID Code of Conduct via email and will need to attest that they will comply with these measures.

WCBR understands that the protocols set forth in the COVID Code of Conduct unfortunately may change your decision to attend WCBR 2022. If you wish to cancel an existing registration, please email the WCBR Executive Office for assistance. Any attendees who register prior to December 1, 2021 and choose to decline attestation to the COVID Code of Conduct published on that date will be eligible for a full registration refund if requested by December 15, 2021.

In light of this new policy, we will also be extending the submission deadlines. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these extensions and hope that they will allow for more

submissions of the cutting-edge science that characterizes WCBR. Please make note of the new deadlines for WCBR 2022:

- **EXTENDED** Panel Submission Deadline: Friday, October 8, 2021
- **EXTENDED** Travel Fellow Submission Deadline: Friday, October 8, 2021
- **EXTENDED** Poster Submission Deadline: Monday, November 1, 2021

Please reach out to the WCBR Executive Office with any questions. We hope to see you in Snowmass!

Sincerely,

WCBR Executive Committee

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