



Health and Wellness Protocols

ASCA is committed to helping ensure that each event is as accessible and welcoming to members as possible. The purpose of these Health and Wellness recommendations is to assist our association in offering an in-person experience that is as safe and inclusive as possible.

General Guidance

Attendees are asked to abide by all health and safety measures put in place by the event site(s), including the hotel, convention center, municipality, and any other locations visited during an in-person event. Please note that requirements or guidance are subject to change.

Vaccinations (as of July 2023)

In keeping with the Association's duty to care and responsibility as host, ASCA leadership strongly encourages all participants — whether a presenter, attendee, exhibitor, staffer, guest, or vendor — to be fully vaccinated. The [CDC Vaccinations Website](#) provides definitions of “Fully Vaccinated” and “Up To Date.”

Contagious Illness/COVID Testing (as of July 2023)

We encourage attendees to monitor for [COVID symptoms](#). If you are experiencing COVID symptoms prior to arriving at the event or while attending the event, we encourage you to test for COVID and contact a health care professional. Individuals unable to attend an event due to COVID infection will be eligible for reimbursement or program credit.

If prior to arriving at the event or while attending the event, you experience symptoms of other contagious illnesses, we encourage you to seek medical attention. We also encourage you to engage in practices, up to and including resigning from participation in the event, to facilitate your healing and to avoid adversely impacting others.

We respect that some individuals are at higher risk for experiencing increased symptoms or dangers associated with illnesses, even those classified as “minor.” We encourage you to consider others and the community when making decisions about your own contagious illness management practices.

Personal Protective Equipment and Personal Safety Practices (as of July 2023)

In keeping with the Association's duty to care and responsibility as host, ASCA leadership strongly supports any participants who choose to wear a mask or other PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Showing respect towards individuals engaging in personal safety practices (such as social distancing, refraining from physical contact such as handshakes, or other measures) is an expectation of all ASCA staff, volunteers, and attendees.

Hand sanitizer:

Hand sanitation stations will be located throughout the property. Personal sanitation bottles and masks will be available at registration and at ASCA staffed areas for participants to take.

Seating:

Seating within meeting spaces will follow distancing guidelines whenever feasible. If you would like to request alternate seating arrangements (where feasible), please communicate with your track coordinator(s).

Disinfecting:

Scheduled disinfecting will occur in meeting rooms and all high-touch areas as often as possible. If you would like to request disinfecting of a particular area or equipment, please communicate with your track coordinator(s) and they will communicate with the Academy site staff.

Microphones:

Microphones in meeting spaces will be disinfected between sessions or replaced by sanitized mics.

Presenters

Where possible, presenters will be positioned 12 feet from the front row. All presenters can be unmasked when presenting to increase the accessibility for presenters and attendees.

Questions about these protocols should be directed to the Assistant Executive Director at aed@thesaca.org.

Attendees who wish to report concerns regarding these practices that occur during events should contact the Executive Director at tess@theasca.org.