

ADAA's 2022 Annual Conference COVID-19 Protocols and Expectations

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Ensuring a Safe Experience

ADAA is excited to welcome everyone to Denver, CO. Meeting in person offers an educational experience and community connections that are difficult to recreate online.

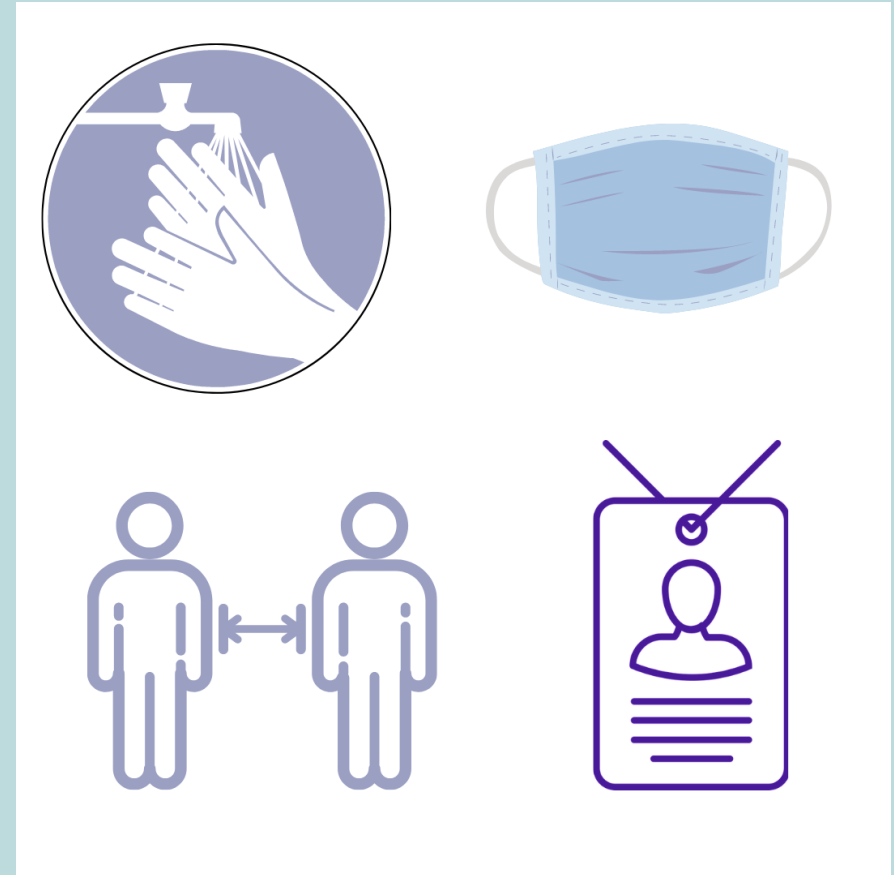
We recognize that meeting in person comes with some risk due to COVID-19. Step one of ensuring the safest experience possible begins here. Please read these guidelines carefully to learn what ADAA is doing and what YOU can do to contribute to everyone's wellness.

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Attendee Requirements

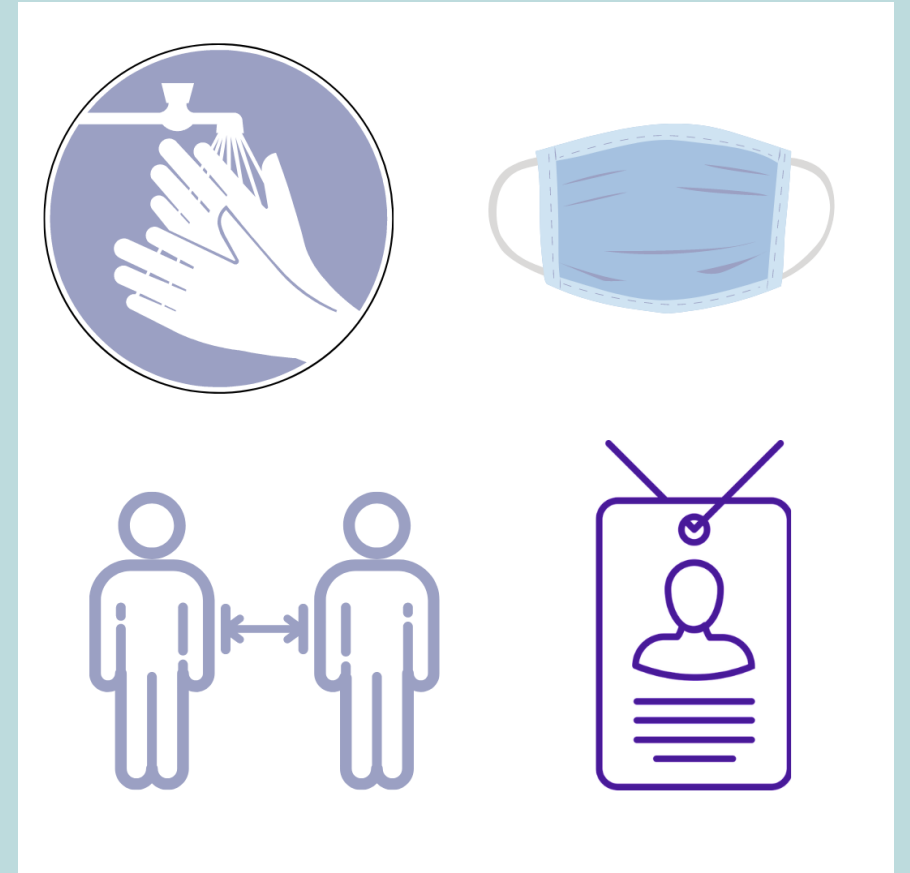
- **ADAA requires proof of full COVID-19 vaccination (vaccination must have been completed by March 2, 2022)** prior to the conference dates from each conference participant (speaker, attendee, sponsor, staff, guest, etc.) to attend any conference activities.
- Medical exemptions may be accepted with a negative COVID-19 test performed by a professional testing facility (home test results will not be accepted) administered no more than 72 hours prior to the conference dates.
- Attendees agree to provide required documentation to attend. **Attendees understand if appropriate documentation is not provided, they will not be permitted entry into the conference and no refund will be issued.**
- ADAA has contracted with a third-party vendor to verify vaccine records and test results. **Documentation must be submitted through the COVID portal for verification in advance of the conference dates.**
- Guests must be registered in advance, submit their information through the COVID portal, and check in at the conference registration desk. To register a guest, contact ADAA directly.



MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

Attendee Requirements Continued...

- If attendees arrive at the conference without having submitted appropriate documentation, they may submit onsite but will not be permitted into the conference space until the information has been verified. **Please note that onsite verification can take several hours.**
- All conference participants are required to wear an appropriate face covering while in the conference space unless actively eating, drinking, or presenting at a session. Poster presenters are required to wear an appropriate face mask at all times. ADA A recommends N95 masks. Please ensure you bring enough masks for the entire conference.
- Badges must be worn at all times by all attendees (including sponsors, partners, and guests) in the conference space. This includes social functions.
- ADA A discourages onsite registration. If an attendee must register onsite, they will be required to follow the same COVID-19 documentation submissions protocols and wait for verification to be processed before entering the conference space. **Please note that onsite verification can take several hours.**
- ADA A will provide a list of nearby COVID-19 testing facilities, but attendees are encouraged to bring home test kits in case they develop COVID-19 symptoms during the event. ADA A will not provide onsite testing.



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COVID-19 Protocols and Requirements

Before the conference:

- Familiarize yourself with current [CDC recommendations regarding travel](#) and [local COVID-19 requirements](#).
- Understand that public spaces come with an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 and evaluate your comfort level with attending an in-person conference.
- Provide your proof of vaccination and/or medical exemption with a negative COVID-19 test before arriving at the conference through ADAA's COVID-19 verification portal. Attendees who do not provide this information in advance will be delayed from entering the conference space. Access to the portal will be emailed in mid-February.
- Stay home if you aren't feeling well or have had a COVID-19 exposure.

During the conference:

- Follow all [ADAA COVID-19 requirements](#) including always wearing your badge. Your badge is confirmation that you have met ADAA's COVID-19 registration requirements.



COVID-19 Protocols and Requirements Continued...

- Wear your face mask at all times within the conference space unless you are actively eating or presenting at a podium. All poster presenters are required to be masked while presenting.
- Maintain appropriate social distance at high traffic areas such as the registration desk and respect posted social distancing signs.
- Recognize that some conference events (meals and receptions) where attendees will be unmasked while eating/drinking. Consider your own comfort level when decided to participate in these events.
- Follow all appropriate recommendations including frequent handwashing, covering your mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing, and avoiding face touching.
- Should you feel ill or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms **while attending the conference**, immediately quarantine to your room and contact ADAA's executive director [Susan Gurley](#) for further instructions.

After the conference:

- If you test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of returning home, please contact ADAA's executive director [Susan Gurley](#).



FAQs

1. **What if I am unvaccinated? Can I attend?**

ADAA requires proof of vaccination. No one will be permitted into the conference space without providing proof of vaccination.

2. **Can I request an exemption?**

Medical exemptions may be accepted with a negative COVID-19 test performed by a professional testing facility (home test results will not be accepted) administered no more than 72 hours prior to the conference dates. Attendees must submit any medical exemption requests through the COVID-19 verification portal prior to arriving at the conference.

3. **Can I bring a guest to the conference?**

Guests may be permitted but must be registered and follow the same COVID-19 protocols as all other attendees. Guests who arrive onsite without providing proof of vaccination will not be permitted entry. Documentation may be submitted onsite but verification may take several hours. Registrants may not remain in the conference space while awaiting verification.

4. **Can unregistered guests gain access to the COVID vendor?**

No. No unregistered persons may gain access to any part of the conference space. All guests, attendees, and partners are required to be registered and follow the same COVID-19 policies.

5. **What do I need to provide to enter the conference space?**

All attendees must provide proof of vaccination. ADAA has contracted with a third party vendor to verify proof of vaccination. In the weeks prior to the conference, all registered attendees will be sent information on accessing the COVID-19 portal and requirements for submitting their information.

6. **Are masks required?**

Yes, masks are required for all attendees unless actively eating or drinking or presenting at a podium. This is required regardless of vaccination status. Poster presenters are required to be masked during their presentation times.

FAQs Continued...

7. What safety protocols will ADAA or the hotel implement?

ADAA is committed to following all current CDC guidelines, state and local guidelines, and corporation (hotel) requirements. All session rooms/event spaces will be set with social distancing in mind. Attendees are requested to not move chairs within session/event spaces. Attendees should assess their own comfort level when deciding to attend events like meal functions or receptions where attendees will be unmasked while eating/drinking.

8. What should I do if I test positive or show COVID-19 symptoms on site?

Please immediately quarantine to your hotel room and contact ADAA's executive director [Susan Gurley](#) for further directions. You will be required to surrender your conference badge.

9. What is the conference cancellation policy?

Please visit ADAA's [registration page](#) for the cancellation policy. Cancellations must be submitted in writing prior to February 17, 2022 to membership@adaa.org.

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