



NPHI 2022 Annual Summit COVID Safety Protocol

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We are excited to gather in person again!

In developing our COVID protocol for NPHI's 2022 Annual Summit, we have worked closely with Cameron Muir, M.D., and several NPHI Board Members. Additionally, we are following current [CDC guidelines](#) for small & large gatherings. Our responsibility to all of you is to create a safe environment while remaining mindful of disruption. We will continue to monitor and adjust our policies as necessary. Please stay tuned for updates and further details.

As healthcare professionals, you've been at the forefront of enacting and maintaining strong COVID protocols. Therefore, we will rely on your commitment to safety – your own and that of your colleagues, corporate partners, and hotel staff.

Please review & adhere to the following process before & during the Annual Summit.

- As recommended by the CDC, we highly recommend that in-person attendees be vaccinated and boosted. For those of you not vaccinated and boosted, based on [CDC medical or religious exemptions](#), we require that you wear a mask at all times when in public.
- At this time, Orlando's (Orange County, FL) community risk is considered **Low**.
- NPHI will use [CrowdPass](#), a web-based tool that in-person attendees may access via phone or computer, to collect and track COVID related information. You will not be required to upload proof of vaccination, simply respond to the questions asked.

Overview – COVID Safety Protocol

- We ask in-person attendees to conduct a COVID self-test before travelling to Orlando, no more than 12-24 hours before departure. If you test positive for COVID before travelling or at any time during the Annual Summit, we ask that you not participate in-person and change your registration from in-person to virtual.
- Each day you are on-site in Orlando, we ask that you self-test in your room every morning before joining Annual Summit sessions and/or meeting with colleagues. You will receive an email reminder to access CrowdPass and let us know if your self-test result is positive or negative.
 - Test kits for use once in Orlando will be provided in gift bags.
- Access CrowdPass before the Annual Summit. The week of 4/4/22, in-person attendees will receive an email with information to access CrowdPass.
- For the full COVID Safety Protocol and location to pick up test kits once in Orlando, read pages 2-3 of this document.

If you have any questions regarding the COVID safety protocol or you need to change your registration to virtual, please email [Sarah Sharp](#) or [Stephanie Rogers](#).

Our policies are subject to change based on current [CDC guidelines](#). Please check back for updates.

Additional Resources

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
Orlando COVID Guidance: <https://www.orlando.gov/COVID-19>
Annual Summit Site/Hotel: Orlando World Center Marriott <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/mcowc>



Detail – NPHI 2022 Annual Summit COVID Safety Protocol

Background

- As recommended by the CDC, we highly recommend that in-person attendees be vaccinated and boosted. For those of you not vaccinated and boosted, based on [CDC medical or religious exemptions](#), we require that you wear a mask at all times when in public.
- At this time, Orlando’s (Orange County, FL) community risk is considered **Low**. According to the CDC, if the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) where you live is Low, wearing a mask is based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. **Again, if you are not vaccinated and boosted, based on [CDC medical or religious exemptions](#), we require that you wear a mask at all times when in public.**
 - If Orlando’s risk level increases to **Medium** before the Annual Summit, the CDC recommends those at risk for [severe illness](#) talk to their healthcare provider about wearing masks indoors in public. Those who will gather with someone at risk for severe illness are advised to wear a mask when indoors with them. NPHI will take the necessary steps to update our COVID policy and communicate with all attendees.
 - If Orlando’s risk level increases to **High** before the Annual Summit, the CDC recommends, that everyone 2 years and older, wear a well-fitting mask indoors when in public, regardless of vaccination and booster status or individual risk. NPHI will take the necessary steps to update our COVID policy and communicate with all attendees.
- Additional CDC recommendations regardless of community risk level include:
 - If you are at risk for severe illness, wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.
 - [Testing](#) before a gathering can give you information about your risk of spreading COVID-19.
 - Consider using a self-test before joining indoor gatherings with others who do not live in your household.
 - Stay home if you test positive, even if you do not have symptoms.
 - Stay home if you are sick or experiencing [symptoms](#) of COVID-19.
 - Communicate with the people you will meet with about prevention strategies. (Hence this document.)

COVID Safety Protocol

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 - You are responsible for testing before you arrive on-site. Once on-site, test kits will be provided by NPHI.
- Each day you are on-site in Orlando, we ask that you self-test in your room every morning before joining Annual Summit sessions and/or meeting with colleagues. Test results are to be provided using [CrowdPass](#), a web-based tool that in-person attendees may access via phone or computer. You will receive an email with information to access CrowdPass before travelling, along with COVID tests at the registration table and in your Annual Summit gift bag.
 - Beginning Monday, April 11th, you will receive a daily email reminder to access CrowdPass and let us know if your self-test result is positive or negative. You are not required to upload results, simply respond to the question asked via CrowdPass. If you are not on-site, please respond accordingly.

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- **For those arriving Sunday or Monday**, NPHI will have test kits available in the NPHI office Monday 4/11 from 4:00-6:00pm ET (NPHI Office located in Diamond Suite, 5th Floor), or
- Tuesday 4/12 9:30-10:30am ET (Registration area outside Grand Ballroom)
PLEASE NOTE: If you are more comfortable testing in your room before visiting the registration table and picking up your Annual Summit gift bag, feel free to bring your own COVID self-test kit from home.
- **Access CrowdPass before the Annual Summit.** The week of 4/4/22, in-person attendees will receive an email with information to access CrowdPass, a web-based tool that they may access via phone or computer to respond to COVID related questions. Attendees are not required to upload proof of vaccination or COVID self-results, simply respond to the questions. Please access CrowdPass before travelling to Orlando.
 - a. **Friday, 4/8/22**, you will receive an email asking for your vaccination and booster status, along with confirmation that you've reviewed the COVID Safety Protocol.
 - b. Beginning Monday 4/11 through Thursday 4/14, you will receive brief emails each morning, asking you to access CrowdPass and respond to the question regarding COVID self-test results. If you are not on-site that day, please respond accordingly.
 - c. **Regardless of how many days you are on-site in Orlando, please answer all questions asked via CrowdPass.**
 - d. Individual responses will not be shared.
- 2. **Pre-Travel Self-Test**
 - a. **Monday morning, 4/11 all in-person attendees will receive an email requesting the results of their pre-travel COVID test.**
 - i. **Please conduct this test 12-24 hours before leaving home**, ideally the same day.
 - b. In accordance with CDC recommendations, if your COVID self-test is positive, we ask that you not participate in person. Please change your registration from in-person to virtual so that we may provide links to access Annual Summit sessions.
- 3. **Annual Summit Days 1 - 3 Self-Test**
 - a. **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** mornings you will receive an email requesting the results of your COVID self-test results.
 - b. If you test positive for COVID on any day, please change your registration to virtual so that we may provide links to access Annual Summit sessions.
- 4. At the registration table, you will receive a green, yellow, or red sticker to add to your name tag based on your social distancing preferences:
 - a. **Green:** I'm comfortable shaking hands. Hugs are optional.
 - b. **Yellow:** Fist or elbow bumps work for me.
 - c. **Red:** I'm happy to be in-person but am more comfortable maintaining social distance.

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