

COVID-19 Statement and Protocols for the APPD 2022 Spring Annual Meeting in San Diego

The Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all participants at the 2022 Spring Annual Meeting in San Diego. The health and wellbeing of participants, volunteers, and staff is top priority for APPD.

All meeting participants should review and will be expected to act in alignment with [CDC, State of California and San Diego County Recommendations](#) for an indoor “Mega Event”¹ to maximize protection from COVID-19. We will adhere to the recommendations and requirements of CDC, the State of California, the San Diego County and the Meeting Hotel (Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina).

As these recommendations change, the APPD will update attendees as soon as possible, and those recommendations will supersede the information provided herein. If the requirement for documentation of vaccine status or masking is eliminated within two weeks of the event, all registrants will be notified via email. If these requirements stay in place, then participants will be required to upload documentation of their COVID vaccine status or negative COVID PCR test prior to entry to the meeting.

Protocols for Attending the Meeting

All meeting attendees, speakers, volunteers, and support staff > age 2 years of age are required to:

- Be fully vaccinated² against COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination, OR receive and provide a negative PCR COVID-19 test result within two (2) days (48 hours) prior to May 15, 2022. Additional data will be forthcoming on how to electronically submit these data between April 27, 2022 and May 11, 2022 via third party platform.
- Wear a face mask indoors in the presence of other persons during the full duration of the meeting, with the exception of removing face masks while actively eating or drinking.
- Evaluate your health each morning before attending meeting related activities and sessions.
- Self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 following the event and agree to contact APPD at info@appd.org if testing positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after the meeting concludes.

As a registrant, you acknowledge, understand and knowingly and freely assume all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, by attending the APPD 2022 Annual Spring Meeting.

[1] For Indoor Mega Events in California (example: conventions/conferences/sporting events & concerts with > 1000 people in attendance):

In addition to the general public health recommendations:

- Verification of fully vaccinated status² or pre-entry negative PCR test result is required of all attendees > 2 years of age.
- All businesses and venue operators must check the identification of all attendees age 18 and over to validate their vaccination record or proof of negative test.
- Acceptable identification is any document that includes the name of the person and photograph.
- Attendees are strongly recommended to wear masks and should follow [CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings](#).

[2] [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

In general, individuals > 12 years of age are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving their booster dose.