

# Your Safety Is Our Priority

## COVID-19 Safety Precautions

Your health and safety are important to us. We are dedicated to ensuring a great experience and keeping you safe. We have guidelines in place and are working with the Navy Pier to ensure your visit to the CooperatorEvents Chicagoland Expo is as safe as possible.

### Here is what you can expect:

The City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced effective August 20, 2021, that face masks are required in all indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status. The CDC also recommends people wear face masks in public, indoor settings to help prevent the spread of coronavirus variants and to help protect each other.

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/reopening-chicago.html>

The CooperatorEvents staff and any directly hired outside staff are required to be fully vaccinated and will be wearing masks throughout the event.

Although not required, we *highly* encourage all participants attending the event in any capacity to be vaccinated or have a negative COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to attending .

ALL participants (staff, attendees, sponsors, and speakers) are required to wear a mask while indoors at the event (with the exception of eating and drinking).

### Face Mask Requirements:

- Face masks are required for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.
  - **Wear a well-fitting, properly positioned face mask** when visiting the exhibition, attending sessions and meetings, and while engaging with other participants
  - Disposable masks will be available to anyone who needs one
  - Anyone not following the CDPH masking requirements will be asked to leave the show floor and building.

## **CooperatorEvents Health and Safety Guidelines**

- Hand sanitizer stations located at registration, entrance to show, and throughout the facility.
- Encouraged social distancing in small areas.
- Food and beverage services and cleaning policies to ensure food safety.
- Social Distancing in seminar rooms
- Plexi shields at registration and advice booth

## **Physical Touching is Discouraged (Handshakes, Hugs, or Fist Bumps)**

While many at the event are vaccinated and/or not concerned about the health risks that physical touch may present, we request that attendees, speakers, staff and sponsors respect a “no-touch” policy at the event and highly recommend washing your hands often to prevent illness.

## **Seating and Spacing**

Seating will be spaced with the recommended distance between attendees as determined by the venue and its local government.

## **Food and Beverage**

We will be working with the venue to revise how food and beverage services will be provided to minimize exposure/risk.

## **If You Are Sick**

If you have a temperature, are showing any potential symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event, you are not permitted to attend this event. Please stay home.

Potential COVID-19 symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We thank you for your commitment to protecting the health and well-being of your fellow CooperatorEvent participants and look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Additional Information from Navy Pier:

<https://navypier.org/plan-your-visit/covid-19-information/>