

AFN 2022 CONFERENCE

COVID-19 CONFERENCE PROTOCOLS

AFN's 2022 national conference will take place in Oakland September 13-15 in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While we are eager to reconnect with our friends and colleagues in person, we are planning our in-person convening with the utmost care and consideration for the continually changing circumstances. Currently, these are the protocols we have in place to help ensure the safety of all participants and hotel staff:

- All conference attendees, including AFN staff, will be required to present proof of up-to-date Covid-19 vaccination (including booster) through Health Pass by CLEAR, a trusted 3rd party vendor, by July 31st. Those with the CDC listed health exemptions due to contraindications (severe allergic reactions to the vaccination) will be asked to provide their exemption by July, 31st.
- Depending on local COVID rates and [CDC guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html), we **may** require an onsite negative rapid antigen Covid-19 test from each attendee upon arrival. (If required, rapid tests will be provided.) <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>
- Anyone testing COVID positive will be required to self-isolate in quarantine according to the CDC and/or applicable local guidelines. Any incurred expenses for isolation will be the attendee's responsibility, the hotel will extend the conference rate.
- We are working closely with the hotel venue, Oakland Marriott, to ensure the safety of conference attendees. Please click [HERE](https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/oakdt) for a detailed explanation of the hotel's most up to date COVID protocols and policies. <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/oakdt>
- Attendees are encouraged to bring their own K95 masks. Extra K95 masks will be available to any convening attendee who needs one.
- There will be ample outdoor space for small group conversation, networking and relaxing during breaks.
- AFN reserves the right to refuse entry to any participant who exhibits any symptoms of illness or who refused to present any required documentation through the third party vendor.
- Personal Space Preferences. All attendees will be provided with a color coded indicator reflecting their comfort level with regard to personal space: no limits, no hugs - handshake ok, no handshakes - fistbumps or elbow greetings, no physical greeting.

Please note all COVID protocols are subject to change based on City of Oakland and Oakland Marriott requirements.