

Commitment to Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic

(As of September 6, 2022)

As an affiliate of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), PACAH considers the safety of all those onsite at PACAH's 2022 Fall Conference as our top priority. This Commitment to Well-Being provides guidance for attendees and is a living document that will continue to evolve, incorporating features that are designed to further enhance the onsite experience and safety for everyone in attendance. However, by choosing to attend the conference in-person, attendees are acknowledging that they are fully and knowingly aware of the existence of COVID-19 and understand and accept the risk that participation in an in-person meeting may expose attendees to COVID-19.

PACAH is committed to hosting a safe event for all participants and to this end expects all attendees, staff, and speakers to comply with CDC, state and local health and safety requirements, as well as PACAH's safety protocols and best practices.

As of September 6, 2022, all conference attendees, speakers, and staff must be fully vaccinated in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)

For a definition of "fully vaccinated" and see if you're up to date, visit CDC's web page.

All conference attendees, speakers, and staff are encouraged to wear a face covering at the PACAH 2022 Fall Conference.

If you have an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine, please email Kim Deline

We believe that if all healthcare personnel are required to be vaccinated then PACAH should hold itself to the same standard. PACAH continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and its variants and reserves the right to modify any of these precautions, guidelines, recommendations and/or expectations to conform to the then-current guidance or recommendations of the CDC, DOH and other applicable guidance or recommendations as appropriate. PACAH's policies may also differ from those in place at the Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center overall or by other groups at the same facility.

Attendees are expected to review the COVID-19 screening questions provided before the conference and should not attend if they cannot provide appropriate and satisfactory answers. Attendees will be asked screening questions as a condition of admittance and/or participation and may be denied participation in the conference if appropriate and satisfactory answers cannot be provided.

If an attendee begins to experience any symptoms of COVID-19, as identified by the CDC while attending the conference, that individual is expected to immediately inform a PACAH staff person and isolate in their hotel room pending further guidance, and to follow all applicable CDC, DOH and other recommendations or requirements. PACAH will facilitate access to medical personnel for attendees to assist in evaluating any circumstances and/or making any decisions related to public health matters that may arise during the conference that are related to COVID-19.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own masks and sanitizers. A limited quantity of extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available to supplement attendees' own supply.

In partnership with the Hilton Harrisburg, we will be following best practices designed to mitigate potential exposure or potential spread of COVID-19, such as:

- Responsible practices to ensure safety between staff and attendees in meeting spaces
- Cleaning protocols throughout the hotel including public spaces and meeting spaces
- Sanitizer stations throughout the hotel
- Physical distancing: reimagining spaces and limiting capacity to enable more distance in accordance with best practices and local guidelines
- Food and beverages served in accordance with best practices and local guidelines.