

# NCPDP 2022 Annual Conference & May Work Group Meetings

## Health & Safety Protocol FAQs

**1. Why is NCPDP requiring COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination, or a negative PCR or NAAT COVID-19 test result to attend this year's Annual Conference and/or Work Group Meetings?**

NCPDP's top priority is a safe and comfortable return to our in-person events. We are requiring either proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or proof of a negative PCR or NAAT COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of departure. For purposes of NCPDP events, you are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. This requirement conforms to CDC guidance and has been approved by NCPDP's Board of Trustees. NCPDP is also working in accordance with guidance from the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) to help protect the safety of all attendees.

**2. Does this mean that I must get vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend NCPDP's 2022 Annual Conference and/or Work Group Meetings?**

Participants have two options to meet the requirements to attend NCPDP's Annual Conference and/or Work Group Meetings. NCPDP is first asking that attendees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to provide proof of their vaccination prior to entry at this year's in person event. For purposes of NCPDP events, you are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after the second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. If an attendee is not vaccinated by choice or exemption, we are requiring proof of a negative PCR or NAAT COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of departure. This requirement applies to all participants, including attendees, speakers, NCPDP staff, and others.

**3. Who will handle the collection of vaccination and testing information prior to Annual Conference and Work Group Meetings?**

NCPDP has contracted with a third-party healthcare provider, InHouse Physicians (IHP), to assist with collecting and verifying COVID-19 vaccination and test results data from all Annual Conference and Work Group attendees prior to the events.

**4. How will my vaccine and testing information be collected?**

Leading up to the Annual Conference and Work Group Meetings, IHP's web-based HIPAA compliant service will allow every attendee to upload an image of their COVID-19 vaccination card. Individuals who do not provide proof of vaccination are required to upload proof of negative COVID-19 PCR or NAAT test result, taken within 72 hours of departure. IHP's team of healthcare professionals will verify all vaccine and test result information.

**5. How will I know that my COVID-19 vaccine or PCR or NAAT test result has been verified and accepted by IHP?**

Once you submit your information, you will receive a confirmation email, stating that your submission has been entered into the system. IHP's verification team will then view your submission, within 24 hours, and verify all the information is correct. After your submission has been verified, you will receive an email from [reply@webmerge.me](mailto:reply@webmerge.me) with a green check mark alongside your name. If you run into any issues, please contact the verification support email at [verify.support@ihphysicians.com](mailto:verify.support@ihphysicians.com).

**6. Will my health information be secure in this process?**

Your data security and healthcare privacy are also NCPDP's top priorities. IHP will store Annual Conference and Work Group attendee vaccination and test records safely on an AWS server for the duration of the event, and the records will be purged immediately after the end of the event of Annual Conference. AWS compliance and security measures include 256-bit encryption at rest, and information protected with TLS encryption during transit.

**7. Will I be asked to wear a face mask at Annual Conference or May Work Group Meetings?**

According to [updated CDC recommendations on mask use](#) and the *current* (as of 3/15/22) COVID-19 community level in Scottsdale and Phoenix, which are located in Maricopa County, *people may choose to mask at any time*.

While a mask is not currently required, it is highly recommended that individuals who are not vaccinated wear a mask to protect themselves and others.

People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. As a reminder, we are asking all participants to be vigilant about monitoring their own health symptoms and isolate should anyone exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or be in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Stay up-to-date on [COVID-19 Community level information](#) by visiting the CDC website.

**8. Do I need to bring my Proof of Vaccination card to Annual Conference or May Work Group Meetings?**

Proof of vaccination or a negative test result is required to be submitted in advance and in accordance with our health and safety protocol in order to pick up your badge and enter the Annual Conference and/or Work Group Meetings. Having your vaccination records on hand during Annual Conference and/or Work Group Meetings is optional.

**9. What other COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place during Annual Conference and Work Group Meetings?**

NCPDP is committed in its best effort for all to have a safe and comfortable return to our Annual Conference and Work Group Meetings. NCPDP will continue to update the FAQs which are posted on the Work Group Registration Page on the NCPDP website and on the NCPDP Annual Conference website, as needed, in the weeks and days leading up to the event.

In addition to the proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test result requirement, wristbands will be available to all conference attendees to express their comfort level with social distancing. Red wristbands indicate a preference of honoring at least six feet of social distancing. Yellow wristbands indicate moderate comfort with closer than 6-feet of physical distance. Green wristbands indicate an individual is comfortable with closer than 6-feet of contact. There will also be signage on site with reminders on how to interpret use of the wristbands. All conference participants are asked to take special note of individuals' preferences to ensure personal boundaries and comfort levels are honored at NCPDP's events.

A three-layer, cotton, reusable mask will be available in the Conference Bag distributed to all Annual Conference participants and one will be provided to each Work Group Meeting participant when picking up the event badge.

Hand sanitizing stations are also available throughout the venue.

**10. What precautions will be taken in the Engagement Hall (Solutions Marketplace)?**

Exhibit Booths are spaced six feet apart, and hand sanitizing stations will be available in the Engagement Hall.

**11. What safety guidelines are in place at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, the venue for both the Annual Conference and Work Group Meetings?**

The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa has increased its frequency of cleaning and disinfection in areas with high traffic, as well as made more hand sanitizing stations available. Resort staff who are fully vaccinated may wear face coverings at their own discretion. Face coverings are required for resort staff who are not fully vaccinated. The resort encourages guests to maintain social distancing with signs posted throughout the property. Any occupancy limits and seating capacity reductions that may be in force in restaurants on the property are in compliance with Marriott, local, and state mandates. There may be partitions at front desks and food and beverage service lines.

Click [here](#) to read about new cleanliness standards, health and safety measures, and changes to services, amenities and facilities at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

**12. If I develop symptoms while at the event(s), what should I do?**

We are asking all participants to be vigilant about monitoring their own health symptoms and isolate should anyone exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or be in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

**13. If I develop symptoms while at the event(s), where can I go to get a PCR or NAAT test in Phoenix/Scottsdale?**

You may [search for the nearest testing center](#) on the Arizona Department of Health Services website. Make sure to check for appropriate test availability and timeframe for receiving results. You may also contact your favorite local pharmacy for testing information.