

AES 2022 Scientific Meeting Health and Safety Attendance Policy

The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago under the authority of the mayor of Chicago has issued a public health order, effective January 3, 2022, that requires full vaccination for persons entering or working in certain settings. The order may be viewed via this link: [Health Order 2021-2 12-21-21 FINAL.pdf \(chicago.gov\)](#) The AES 2022 Scientific Meeting, as currently planned, falls within that setting. All in person participants including: members, professional attendees, staff, vendors and guests will need to meet the following standards for admittance to any and all events at the 2022 scientific meeting to be held at the Chicago Downtown Marriott:

1. Fully vaccinated in accordance CDC and WHO guidance. This includes any WHO or FDA approved vaccine, which allows us to continue welcoming international attendees who are permitted to travel. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and reduce the likelihood of serious illness. The AES encourages everyone to get vaccinated.
2. Establish proof of vaccination via: CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card or an official immunization record from the jurisdiction, state, or country where the vaccine was administered or a digital or physical photo of such a card or record, reflecting the person's name, vaccine brand, and dates administered. You may submit your vaccination record and signed waiver by replying to this email: aesmeeting2022@gmail.com Please bring either a hard copy of digital record of your vaccination with you when travelling and for presentation as required. Photos are acceptable. The AES is required to maintain a record of you vaccination for the duration of the meeting which may be inspected by the city of Chicago on demand. All records maintained by AES regarding vaccination status will be deleted/destroyed within 3 days of the end of the end of the meeting.
3. Photo Identification by means of an official document bearing the name of the individual and a photograph. Examples of acceptable identification include but are not limited to: driver's license, non-driver government ID card, passport, and school ID card.
4. Agreement to the AES Safety Acknowledgment & Liability Waiver.

The health and safety of all attendees and guests is the number one priority at this year's meeting. As the COVID-19 situation continues to change, our health and safety attendance policy **may evolve** to meet current conditions. Currently the city of Chicago and State of Illinois require both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals to wear masks in all indoor public places. Masks may only be removed briefly when actively eating or drinking. Masks will be available should a guest forget theirs.

The AES reserves the right to update this plan, as necessary, in accordance with science and federal, state, local, and Marriott guidelines.

COVID-19 SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT -- SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & LIABILITY WAIVER/RELEASE OF CLAIMS

NAME: _____

(initial here) I have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in accordance with CDC and WHO guidelines.

(initial here) I am aware I need to provide proof of vaccination or I will not be allowed to receive my attendee badge and will not be permitted to attend the meeting.

I have read the safety information posted below and agree to the duty to self-monitor, release/waiver, assumption of risk, and medical acknowledgement as stated in this document.

(Signature)

(Date)

COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION:

While participating in events held or sponsored by the AES consistent with CDC guidelines, participants are encouraged to practice hand hygiene, “social distancing” and wear face coverings to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, the AES has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, AES cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19.

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in an AES event. By attending an AES event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among [others](#);
2. Individuals who have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19; or
3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR:

Attendees, participants and volunteers agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and, notify AES registration (exec@aes-tmj.org) if they experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after the AES event.

LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:

I acknowledge that I derive personal satisfaction and a benefit by virtue of my participation with AES, and I willingly engage in AES events and/or other activities (the “Activity”).

RELEASE AND WAIVER.

I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY,

CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST THE AES ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASED PARTIES"), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREFTER ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE ACTIVITY.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK. I acknowledge and understand the following:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and
3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

MEDICAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE. I acknowledge the health risks associated with the Activity, including but not limited to transient dizziness, lightheaded, fainting, nausea, muscle cramping, musculoskeletal injury, joint pains, sprains and strains, heart attack, stroke, or sudden death. I agree that if I experience any of these or any other symptoms during the Activity, I will discontinue my participation immediately and seek appropriate medical attention. I DO HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ANY CLAIM WHATSOEVER WHICH ARISES OR MAY HEREFTER ARISE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY FIRST AID, TREATMENT, OR SERVICE RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY.

As a participant, volunteer, or attendee, You recognize that your participation, involvement and/or attendance at any AES event or activity ("Activity") is voluntary and may result in personal injury (including death) and/or property damage. By attending, observing or participating in the Activity, You acknowledge and assume all risks and dangers associated with your participation and/or attendance at the Activity, and You agree that: (a) the AES. (b) the property or site owner of the Activity, and (c) all past, present and future affiliates, successors, assigns, employees, volunteers, vendors, partners, directors, and officers, of such entities (subsections (a) through (c), collectively, the "Released Parties"), will not be responsible for any personal injury (including death), property damage, or other loss suffered as a result of your participation in, attendance at, and/or observation of the Activity, regardless if any such injuries or losses are caused by the negligence of any of the Released Parties (collectively, the "Released Claims"). BY ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY, YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE RELEASED PARTIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.