

# COVID 19 Safety Plan for the 2022 NASCOE National Convention Savannah, GA August 7-12, 2022

## Considerations when Planning

- **COVID-19 Community Level** – Savannah is located in Chatham, Georgia. As of June 27, 2022, Chatham County has a 7-day average of 7.8 cases per 100,000. 3.5% of staffed inpatient beds are in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19. The CDC lists the community level at medium.
- **Regulatory Awareness**
  - Along with Federal CDC guidance (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and the Georgia State Department of Health (<https://www.dph.georgia.gov/>) will be monitored to ensure that all required policies are followed, and the event can be held.
  - All attendees will be encouraged to know and monitor the status of advisories for travel from their respective states.
- **Exposure during travel** – Attendees planning to travel by air, train, or bus will be encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask or respirator per CDC recommendations. All others will be instructed to monitor the CDC website for current safety guidelines.
- **Number and crowding of people at the event** – A significant number of attendees is expected; however, meetings will be organized to allow maximum social distancing.

## Steps Everyone Can Take

- **Vaccination Status** – While NASCOE will not be verifying vaccination status, attendees will primarily be federal employees who have been directed to be vaccinated. All attendees, including those who are not vaccinated or who are not able to get a COVID-19 vaccine, will be encouraged to review guidance issued by the CDC to prevent getting sick.
- **Stay Home when Appropriate**
  - Prior to event, attendees will receive reminders outlining the safety measures for COVID-19 including instructions not to travel if they have recently tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if they have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Masks**
  - Prior to the event, attendees will be advised of the CDC transmission level upon arriving and advised of the following guidelines:

- Low – wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by a personal level of risk
- Medium – if at a higher risk for severe illness, or living with someone with a higher risk for severe illness, wear a mask when indoors.
- High – wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk. Attendees will be instructed of mask requirement and encouraged to bring ample number of masks to the event.

### **If Someone Becomes Sick**

- **Designated COVID-19 Point of Contact**
  - NASCOE Vice-President, Joel Foster, is the designated Point of Contact (POC) responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns and POC with the hotel and convention center for COVID 19 concerns.
- **If you come into close contact with someone with COVID-19**
  - Quarantine and isolate following CDC guidance depending on COVID-19 vaccination status.
  - Get tested at least 5 days after last close contact.
  - Monitor symptoms.
  - Notify the NASCOE POC
- **Support Coping and Resilience**
  - The following organizations are available for attendee assistance:
    - The Employee Assistance Program (EAP): 1-800-222-0364;
    - Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990, or text TalkWithUs to 66746;
    - The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 and TTY 1800-787-3224; and
    - The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255).