

SHP 2024 Conference COVID Policy

Vaccination Requirements

- In the spirit of radical hospitality, we are aligning our COVID policy with University of Michigan's [COVID-19 community prevention guidance](#). Therefore, all attendees are expected to be fully vaccinated and we encourage the use of face masks while attending the conference.
- To be considered fully vaccinated, attendees are required to have received the updated (2023–2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine.

Face Mask Requirements

- We encourage all conference participants to wear a face mask while attending the conference.
- Conference participants who have been granted an exemption to the vaccine requirement are *required* to wear a high-quality mask at all times while attending the conference.
- Regardless of vaccination status, conference participants who have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have ended their isolation period are required to wear a high-quality mask while in attendance through Day 10 of their isolation period.
- Regardless of vaccination status, conference participants who have had a direct exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 10 days are required to wear a high-quality mask while in attendance through Day 10 of their self-monitoring period.
- Regardless of vaccination status, all conference participants are required to wear a high-quality mask while in attendance if the CDC indicates that the Washtenaw County COVID hospital admission levels are in the [medium or high range](#).

In Case of Illness

- Anyone who is experiencing active COVID-19 symptoms and/or has recently tested positive for COVID-19 is required to stay home and isolate.
- All conference attendees are strongly encouraged to take COVID-19 antigen rapid test on the day of their travel to the conference.
- Anyone who develops symptoms while at the conference will be asked to leave immediately and consult a medical provider about next steps. Attendees will be asked to return to their hotel for the duration of the conference and communicate with the hotel to ensure the safety of others around you.
- Conference organizers will immediately notify conference attendees upon learning of any potential direct exposure to an individual testing positive for COVID-19. University of Michigan will also be notified if it is believed that any University of Michigan staff members may have been exposed. Appropriate actions consistent with the steps outlined in the present document will be taken to mitigate additional risk of exposure.
- The local Department of Health will be consulted if further direction is required regarding responding appropriately to a conference attendee testing positive for COVID-19.
- Full or partial refunds of the registration fee (less vendor transaction fees) will be provided to any conference attendees who are unable to attend all or part of the conference due to illness.

Additional Precautions

- Time for meals will be built into the conference schedule while no programs are taking place. This will allow for the option to eat meals away from the main conference space without missing any programs.
- University of Michigan staff will be consulted to confirm that ventilation systems are operating properly and obtain information about other options for increasing circulation of outdoor air (e.g., determining whether any windows and doors can be opened during the conference).
- Any updates to this policy and/or changes to local travel requirements or COVID-19 community levels will be communicated via the conference website and/or by email. - When registering for the SHP 2024 conference, all attendees will be asked to agree that they will act in accordance with this policy as a show of care and respect to the rest of the SHP community. Attendees also will be asked to acknowledge that by attending the conference, they are assuming personal responsibility for their own health and well-being.
- Any COVID-19 related questions can be addressed to Donald Domenici (ddprime@hotmail.com).