COMMITMENT TO CARE

2022 ASHRAE Winter Conference, Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Las Vegas

The 2022 ASHRAE Winter Conference in Las Vegas will mark Society’s first large in-person event since the COVID-19 pandemic. ASHRAE is committed to the health and safety of our members and conference attendees. ASHRAE is closely monitoring guidance from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention for both full vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, the World Health Organization, and local health agencies regarding travel and events. ASHRAE’s Commitment to Care may evolve and are subject to change as the Winter Conference approaches and guidance and local restrictions change.

In Advance of the Conference

- When registering online for the conference, attendees are required to “accept” ASHRAE’s liability waiver. A copy can be found on ashrae.org/2022winter in the Health & Safety section.
- Everyone attending the conference and committee meetings is required to register for the conference for safety purposes. There will be a new “Committee Meeting Only” registration category for those who will not attend the Technical Program. It will be free to register to attend the committee meetings only, but a donation of at least $25 is encouraged to help cover the costs of hybrid capabilities.
- It is recommended that attendees either be fully vaccinated or receive a negative Covid-19 antigen test within 72 hours of departing for the conference.
- Continue to check ashrae.org/2022winter for updates in the “Health and Safety” section.

At the Conference

- As of now, masks for vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees are required indoors.
- ASHRAE staff is working toward a contact-less on-site registration process for obtaining your conference badge.
- A color-coded system (i.e., lanyards, stickers, etc) will be available for attendees to add to their name badge to communicate their level of comfort regarding physical distance preferences.
- Meeting rooms will be set to allow some physical distancing for those who choose it
- Appropriate signage and/or floor decals to reinforce safety reminders
- Hand sanitizer stations will be positioned throughout the meeting space
- Our plan is to offer an on-site medical desk with rapid tests, if supplies are available, for attendees who may feel ill or require a negative test for return travel, at the expense of the individual.
- Attendees are required to complete a daily health screening questionnaire and show their health pass before entering the meeting space each day.

After the Conference

- If an attendee tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of leaving the conference, the attendee is required to notify ASHRAE staff immediately.
- ASHRAE will communicate to attendees, if needed, up until 14 days after the last day of the conference.

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