# 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 <u>full vaccinated</u> and <u>unvaccinated</u> individuals, the <u>World Health Organization</u>, and <u>local health agencies</u> 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 <u>ashrae.org/2022winter</u> 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 test within 72 hours of departing for the conference.
- Continue to check <u>ashrae.org/2022winter</u> 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 PCR tests, <u>if supplies are available</u>, 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.