



**Know Before You Go**  
**Health & Safety Instructions**  
**\*\*UPDATED 10/21/2022\*\***

As of 10/21/22 and after a review of latest statistics provided by DC Health, AACC has decided to make the following adjustments to the vaccination and testing requirements for in-person attendees.

- Attendees will need to present proof of having received either a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson/Jansen vaccine or two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. The full course of the vaccine must have been completed no later than October 10, 2022.
- While AACC strongly encourages that all in-person attendees receive at least one booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, attendees will no longer be required to present proof of having received a booster dose.
- Individuals that have not received a full course of any of the COVID-19 vaccines may partake in one of two testing options:
  - Present a negative test result from a PCR Test taken no more than 48 hours prior to arrival.
  - or-
  - Individuals may, at their own expense, submit negative test results from a supervised antigen test taken on the day that you retrieve your conference credentials at the Omni Shoreham.
    - These test kits can be purchased from pharmacies or an online source. The supervised antigen test kits require the individual to be monitored via a web portal while taking the test. Once the test results are finalized, the testing company will provide documentation that may be uploaded into the 42Chat tool.

If an individual is unable to provide proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test result—or they are unable to procure their own monitored self-test—a very limited number of monitored self-tests will be made available at the Health & Wellness Desk at the Omni Shoreham. Individuals will need to indicate in advance that they are unable to secure their own tests by emailing [ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu).

**All attendees are strongly encouraged to submit their COVID-19 documentation through the 42Chat tool prior to their arrival in Washington, D.C.**

**Waiting to submit your documents will result in delays in retrieving your conference credentials as ALL ATTENDEES must present either proof of vaccination or a negative test result prior to collecting these materials.**

**Attendees that either do not submit this documentation or do not have it available when they arrive at the Registration Desk will not be allowed entry to the conference.**

### **SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTATION**

Submitting your proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test result is quick and easy. AACC has partnered with 42Chat to manage this process. All you need to do is the following:

- Text the word “HI” to **833-305-2421**
- You will receive a text response with a prompt to upload your document.
- Text “Upload Tool” when prompted and proceed to upload your document.
- Note that there is also an option to conduct a health screening that does not need to be completed until the first day of the conference.
- Within 24 hours you will receive notification if your document has been accepted.

If submitting through the Web, [click here](#).

- The screen will prompt you to “text” your name; but you would just “type” your name in the box at the bottom of the screen.
- Then, create a profile and upload your vaccination card.

### **COLLECTING YOUR BADGE & HEALTH SCREENING**

The Registration/Badge Pick-up area will be located in the West Conference Foyer of the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Prior to picking up your name badge and registration materials, you will need to stop at the Health & Safety Help Desk.

**DAY 1.** Please stop at the Health & Safety Help Desk to check-in to the event. Event Staff will ensure your vaccination and/or negative test results was received. Once this verification is complete, you will receive a wrist band to proceed to the registration desk to pick up your badge and meeting materials.

**DAY 2-3.** Each morning of the event, a screening questionnaire will be texted to you at 7:00 a.m. You are strongly encouraged to answer the questions daily, and, if you deem yourself to be well, you will receive a green check. If you are unwell, you will receive a red X.

If you get a red X, we ask that you stay in your room and notify the ATE Conference Health & Safety Officer, Bob Kobosky by emailing [ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu) or calling 213-359-3389.

The health screening questions are as follows:

- In the past 24 hours, have you had any signs of symptoms of fever, such as chills, sweats, feeling “feverish” or having a temperature that is elevated for you or 100.4F or greater?
- Do you have new onset or worsening of any of the following symptoms in the last 48 hours NOT related to allergies?
  - Cough, shortness of breath, or chest tightness
  - Sore throat or unexplained loss of taste/smell
  - Diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting

### **MEETING BADGES**

Meeting badges will be required to access all ATE Conference event space. Please wear your badge at all times. This means that only attendees who are registered for the conference (who have documented vaccine status and agreed to follow the event’s Health & Safety requirements) will be allowed in our space.

### **MASKS & OTHER PPE MEASURES**

Masks are strongly encouraged to be worn, fully covering your nose and mouth, when participating in indoor ATE Conference events unless actively eating, drinking, or presenting. Masks are available at registration if needed.

**Note that AACC reserves the right to require the wearing of masks at any time should there be a reported case of COVID-19 during the event or if there is a change in current local requirements.**

Should AACC require masks be worn by attendees, AACC will make masks available to all on site.

Hand sanitizing stations will be present throughout the meeting space.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL SICK AT THE EVENT**

During the course of the ATE Conference, if anyone does not feel well it is imperative that they do **not** participate in any meeting function. Attendees feeling unwell should take the following steps:

- Notify the ATE Conference Health & Safety Officer that they are unwell by contacting Bob Kobosky at 213-359-3389 or [ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu).
- Staff will have a list of the closest testing centers, urgent care/hospital facilities, and drug stores should you require testing and/or treatment. Note that all medical expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.

- AACC will have a supply of rapid antigen tests on site for attendees that may need them. Inquire at the Health & Safety Health Desk or by emailing [ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu).
- If an attendee tests positive for COVID-19 while on-site, AACC and the Omni Shoreham Hotel will work to secure accommodations for the attendee to safely isolate until they are able to return home. Any costs associated with this isolation period (such as accommodations/meals) will be the responsibility of the attendee.

All attendees are requested to monitor their health status for the 5 days following their return from the 2022 ATE Conference. If you test positive for COVID-19 within the 5-day period, we kindly request that you notify the Health & Safety Officer at [ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:ATEWellness@aacc.nche.edu).

### **CDC RECOMMENDATIONS & LOCAL GUIDANCE**

AACC is closely monitoring COVID-19 statistics in the District of Columbia and any new or changing regulations that may impact the conference. For the most current information on COVID-19 in the District of Columbia, please go to: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/key-metrics>. As of October 20, 2022, the District of Columbia's COVID-19 Community Level is rated as "LOW." According to DC Health, COVID-19 is having a limited impact on the District's healthcare system and is presenting with low levels of disease severity.

Under these conditions, the CDC recommends the following:

- Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines (including boosters)
- Getting tested if symptomatic
- Suggesting but not requiring masks be worn except for the following:
  - o Those that are symptomatic,
  - o Those that have tested positive,
  - o Those that have been exposed to someone who has tested positive.

### **COVID-19 ISOLATION GUIDELINES**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a new Isolation Calculator. It can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>. This calculator was designed to reflect the CDC's updated guidance issued on August 11, 2022.