



AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

AOA meetings COVID-19 guidelines (4/13/2022)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is easily spread from person to person. As the U.S. and world continue to manage the spread and impact of COVID-19, the AOA is committed to making sure that all organization meetings are safe, healthy and productive gatherings for doctors of optometry, students and paraoptometric staff.

As of this time, based on the local lifting of restrictions, attendees to Presidents Council, AOA Leaders Summit or the joint AOA on Capitol Hill and AOA Payer Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C., will not be required to provide proof of vaccination or fulfill the previous testing requirement. By registering for these meetings, you do agree to the following recommendations that are designed for the protection of all attendees:

- a) Practicing social distancing (i.e., remaining at least six feet apart from other persons not living in their household).
- b) We strongly encourage wearing a face covering unless eating or drinking.
- c) Practicing frequent handwashing.
- d) Covering coughs and sneezes.
- e) Monitoring your personal health daily.
- f) Refraining from attending the meeting if you are currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have experienced COVID-19 symptoms or had a known COVID-19 exposure within the past 10 days, unless a negative test is obtained no less than 5 days following your last known exposure.

In keeping with current CDC guidance, anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 shall refrain from attending the meeting in person until a minimum of 10 days has passed from the date the test was taken – or 7 days if a negative test result is obtained after the 7th day has passed.¹

All meeting attendees attest that they will follow all rules during the meeting, which are designed to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. This includes additional rules and regulations in place at the meeting location at the time of the meeting. As an attendee, you also agree that, if you see a situation you believe to present a risk of injury or illness, you will bring it to the attention of the AOA and take appropriate measures to protect yourself from harm.

By completing the registration process for the meeting, you agree that you will adhere to these terms and conditions.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html>