



2022 ICAA Conference Health & Safety Plan

ICAA will follow Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance pertaining to large in-person gatherings to inform the health and safety procedures implemented during the event.

ICAA will monitor Polk and Dallas counties' COVID-19 transmission rates in order to determine the appropriate number of in-person attendees allowed at the event; this could range from 0-250. If transmission rates exceed 10% within four days of the event, then ICAA may either cap in-person attendance to allow for maximum social distancing or will shift to a fully virtual event. ICAA will contact all in-person registrants the week prior to the event to confirm if health and safety conditions will allow for their planned in-person attendance or if their registration needs to shift to virtual.

Source: <https://bit.ly/cdcDataTrackLink>

Individuals should not attend in-person if they have a new onset of any of the following symptoms within 5 days prior to the conference:

- A fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Respiratory illness or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Tested positive for COVID-19

In-person registrants that are feeling ill within five days of the event are asked to switch their registration to virtual by notifying Corinne Armbrust, carmbrust@iowacommunityaction.org or 515.244.0307. All conference sessions will also be recorded and available for registrants following the event.

Fully Vaccinated and/or Negative COVID-19 Test

In-person ICAA Conference attendees are required to submit proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test prior to arriving at the ICAA Conference. Submission deadlines and instructions that specify what type of proof of vaccination and COVID-19 tests are acceptable will be available [here](#). According to the CDC, in general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Source: <https://bit.ly/cdcDefinition>



Masks

Wearing masks is optional for In-Person Attendees during the events based on the Polk county risk level. The CDC's updated guidance recommends that health officials and individuals consider COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in their community, as well as the potential for strain on the local health system, when making decisions about community prevention strategies and individual behaviors. The CDC has created a [County Check tool](#) indicating whether the COVID-19 risk in a given county is low, medium, or high based on key public health metrics. The CDC only recommends masking in public indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status in areas with a high COVID-19 community level. At all levels, people can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

Masks will be available at the Conference Registration Table.

Social Distancing

Hug, fist-bump or wave? In-Person Attendees will receive a wristband at the Conference Registration Table to let colleagues know their preference when it comes to social distancing.

Communication

ICAA will communicate any changes to the Health & Safety Plan via email to registrants, and will post the plan on the [Conference Landing Page](#) on ICAA's website. If ICAA is notified during the course of the conference that someone has tested positive for COVID-19, ICAA will notify in-person attendees. If you have any questions please contact Tiffany Keimig (tkeimig@iowacommunityaction.org).