

UPDATED COVID-19 SAFETY INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, APSA has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Given the recent increase in the spread of COVID-19 variants, we are increasing the safety requirements for in-person attendance at the APSA meeting. We will now require either proof of vaccination no later than Friday, Sept. 24. In addition, while participating in events held or sponsored by APSA, attendees must practice social distancing and wear CDC-approved face coverings at all times to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19.

APSA has contracted with Safe Expo, an event health and safety management firm. Vaccine verification will include [uploading a vaccine card to Safe Expo's system](#) for their review and approval. Once approved, you will be sent a confirmation to present onsite. Your card information is then deleted from the Safe Expo system. Vaccine-verified attendees will be required to show the confirmation only one time, at the start of the meeting, at the screening station before picking up/printing their badge.

Duty to Monitor Symptoms

Individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in APSA events and/or other face to face activities. By attending the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among [others](#);
2. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment.

Participants, volunteers, and vendors agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of

COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and contact APSA by email at meeting@apsanet.org or by phone at (202) 483-2512 if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within during or within 14 days after participating or volunteering at the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting.

DUTY TO ADHERE TO HEALTH MEASURES

Given the potential of rapid change in the spread of COVID-19, participants must agree to adhere to all health and safety guidelines and policies implemented by APSA and our partners throughout all portions of the program, including guidelines related to COVID-19. APSA will issue attendance guidelines directly to all attendees prior to the event. Participants who do not adhere to the guidelines and policies will be asked to leave the event out of consideration of the wellbeing of all attendees, staff, and partners.

LIABILITY WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:

Although it is taking steps to keep participants, volunteers, partners and others safe, APSA cannot guarantee that attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Therefore, we are requiring all attendees to sign this liability waiver and release of claims.

I acknowledge that I am willingly attending the 2021 APSA Annual Meeting.

RELEASE AND WAIVER.

I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, AND DEMANDS OF WHATEVER KIND OR NATURE AGAINST APSA AND ITS AFFILIATED PARTNERS AND SPONSORS, INCLUDING IN EACH CASE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASED PARTIES"), EITHER IN LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DAMAGES OR LOSSES CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR CONDUCT OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEATH, BODILY INJURY, ILLNESS, ECONOMIC LOSS OR OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, WHICH I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNEES, NEXT OF KIN AND/OR LEGALLY APPOINTED

OR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES, MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY
HEREINAFTER ACCRUE ON MY BEHALF, WHICH ARISE OR MAY HEREAFTER
ARISE FROM MY PARTICIPATION WITH THE ACTIVITY.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK. I acknowledge and understand the following:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties; and

3. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

BY ATTENDING AND/OR PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY, YOU ARE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN A FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO THE RELEASED PARTIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.