



# WSIA 2021 ANNUAL MARKETPLACE

## Health & Safety Policies and Procedures

### BACKGROUND

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the health of members has been WSIA's top priority, and the association has carefully monitored CDC, local public health, and hotel guidance regarding on-site events. As we shared on [September 15](#), current California guidelines require attendees of large gatherings, like Annual Marketplace, to provide proof of either a COVID-19 vaccination or negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of picking up their badge.

Guided by that mandate, the spread of the Delta variant, and in alignment with many upcoming industry events and recently enacted requirements at various levels of government, the WSIA Board of Directors has decided to implement these protocols at all fall 2021 events.

WSIA is partnering with Safe Expo to validate attendee compliance with this protocol through their user-friendly and secure mobile application. You can [review complete instructions for validating your COVID-19 vaccination or negative test here](#).

### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE for ANNUAL MARKETPLACE

#### MASKS, CLEANING and ROOM CAPACITIES

- WSIA will not require masks; however, we encourage attendees to understand and follow [California mask recommendations and requirements](#) and [CDC guidance regarding masks in public, indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission](#). All attendees who prefer to mask are also encouraged to do so as they decide about their own personal level of comfort.
- Our hotel partners in California are requiring all their employees to mask at this time.
- Hand sanitizer and disposable masks will be available, and hotels are committed to enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of meeting and common areas.
- All WSIA meeting spaces will be set at a maximum of 75% of the hotel's listed capacity, and outdoor spaces will be used whenever possible.

#### WRISTBANDS

- WSIA will offer wristbands so attendees can visually communicate their level of comfort in interacting with others. These will be completely voluntary.

**GREEN** = Elbow bumps OK.      **YELLOW** = I'm still being cautious.      **RED** = My bubble is still 6 feet, please.

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### PRE-TRAVEL and ON-SITE SELF HEALTH CHECK RECOMMENDATIONS

All attendees should conduct the following personal health and safety check prior to travel to San Diego. If the answer to any of these questions is YES, attendees should not travel.

1. In the past 10 days have you experienced any of the following new or worsening symptoms?
  - fever
  - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - sinus congestion or runny nose
  - loss of taste or smell
  - persistent cough
2. In the past 10 days have you experienced any of the following new or worsening symptoms?
  - nausea
  - vomiting
  - diarrhea or loss of appetite
  - headaches
  - sore throat
  - severe muscle aches
  - fatigue
3. In the past 14 days have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or asked to quarantine?
4. In the past 14 days, have you had close contact or high risk exposure to someone with an active or suspected case of COVID-19? This includes being less than 6 feet away for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period or direct contact with mucus or saliva.
5. In the past 10 days have you been asked to get a COVID-19 test due to symptoms or risk of exposure and are still waiting for the results or received an inconclusive result?

**Once on-site, attendees should complete this same self-check daily.** If the answer to any of these questions is YES, attendees should not attend any Annual Marketplace events and should comply with [current CDC guidelines regarding quarantine and isolation](#). Attendees should contact Kimberlee Laws with Safe Expo via text at (419) 602-1237 to have a test delivered to their room.