



COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

“Fully vaccinated” is defined as a person who has completed the initial cycle (two shots for Moderna & Pfizer, 1 shot of J&J) of a WHO approved vaccine. Beginning 1 February 2022 proof of a negative COVID-19 test can replace the formerly mandated requirement for a booster.

“Up-to-date vaccinated” is defined as a person that has completed the initial cycle as well as received the booster if eligible.

Do ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting participants have to be vaccinated against COVID to attend?

Yes. All participants are required to be fully vaccinated and [provide a negative COVID-19 Test](#) OR be up-to-date vaccinated as defined in [What to Expect at ISSCR 2022](#).

By what date do I need to be vaccinated to attend ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting?

Participants should complete their final vaccine by 1 June 2022, to be considered fully or up-to-date vaccinated.

How do I verify my COVID-19 vaccination status to attend ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting?

To verify your vaccination status, please [submit your proof of vaccination](#). Note that submitting your proof of vaccination is **required** to attend the Annual Meeting in-person.

Will exceptions to your COVID-19 vaccination requirement be accepted?

No. Exceptions cannot be accommodated.

Are masks required at the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting?

Yes. Masks covering nose and mouth are required in the conventional center, and all other ISSCR events and gatherings held outside of the convention center.

Will sessions and conference activities be socially distanced?

Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to practice social distancing while attending scientific sessions, visiting the Exhibit & Poster Hall, talking to Poster Presenters, and any social events, like the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

What happens if someone does not comply with the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting health and safety measures?

Failure to adhere to the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting health and safety measures may result in the registrant being denied entry to the meeting or being removed from the meeting.

Where can I get a COVID-19 test before the meeting and/or my flight home?

[Access](#) an interactive map of COVID-19 testing sites around San Francisco. [Find](#) testing locations at the San Francisco Airport (SFO).



How will I know if I have been close to someone with COVID-19 at the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting?

All participants are encouraged to download the [COVID Alert app](#) for California before traveling to the Annual Meeting. Once you activate the app and keep your Bluetooth on, it will send alerts if you are in close contact with someone who tests positive to COVID-19. In turn, if you test positive for COVID-19, you can alert others you may have been in contact with. Your privacy is protected as your identity is not known and your specific location is not tracked.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please email the ISSCR at isscr@isscr.org. The identity of individuals who test positive will be kept confidential.

What if I test positive for COVID-19 during the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting?

COVID-19 can be contracted anywhere and anytime. Be prepared for the possibility that an infection may occur while attending the meeting. All participants should complete a daily self-assessment using the [CDC's COVID-19 Self-Checker](#).

Please note that all in-person Annual Meeting registrants also have access to the virtual Annual Meeting platform and on-demand content after the event. If you do test positive for COVID-19 during the Annual Meeting, you will still have access to live streams on the virtual platform. Questions about accessing the virtual platform can be sent to ISSCRDigital@ISSCR.org.

It is suggested that all participants purchase travel insurance (if your employer does not currently provide coverage) with an Epidemic Coverage Endorsement that addresses the following situations:

- Trip Cancellation, if, for example, you must cancel your trip after being diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Trip Interruption, if, for example, during your trip you are specifically named and individually ordered to quarantine.
- Travel Delay, if, for example, you are denied boarding based on a suspicion that you are ill with an epidemic disease such as COVID-19.
- Emergency Medical Care, if, for example, you are diagnosed with COVID-19 and need to be hospitalized while traveling.
- Emergency Transportation, if, for example, you are diagnosed with an epidemic disease such as COVID-19 while you are traveling, and you require an emergency medical evacuation.

These policies are widely available from any number of companies that specialize in travel insurance. If you experience any symptoms before picking up your meeting badge or develop symptoms while attending the meeting, do not enter the conference space. Please get tested at one of [San Francisco's COVID-19 testing sites](#) (fees may apply).

If you test positive for COVID-19 while attending the ISSCR 2022 Annual Meeting, please contact the ISSCR at isscr@isscr.org. After testing positive for COVID-19, you must also notify your hotel. Each hotel will have its own protocols to follow. Follow [CDC guidelines](#) on what to do if you are sick with COVID-19.

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Please note that the ISSCR is not responsible for any fees associated with testing for COVID-19, nor any fees resulting from a positive COVID-19 test taken before, during, or after the 2022 Annual Meeting. The following resource may be informative should you test positive: [Steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick.](#)

Other COVID-19 Resources

Below are additional resources to assist with travel and safety inquiries:

- [COVID-19 Travel information](#), for those traveling to the USA.
- Access the latest information on COVID-19 from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).
- Access the latest information on COVID-19 from the [World Health Organization](#).
- For COVID-19 protocols during travel, please make sure to check with your airline, hotel, and other transportation providers.

For additional questions, please contact the ISSCR at isscr@isscr.org.