



## **ACC NCR COVID-19 ACC NCR DUTY OF CARE FOR IN-PERSON EVENTS (as of July 22, 2022)**

All events hosted by ACC NCR will be governed by the ACC NCR Duty of Care (“Duty of Care”).

Although attendees should recognize and accept there is inherent risk involved in attending in-person events, ACC NCR is following the lead of ACC Global and has adopted risk-mitigation measures to reduce the potential exposure and transmission of the COVID-19 virus at our in-person programs and events. As we hold some in-person events in furtherance of our mission, the health and safety of all persons present at/during in-person events remains our top priority.

This Duty of Care is subject to change based on revised guidance from the CDC as this pandemic evolves, and/or the local jurisdictions in which events are being held. ACC NCR staff hosting events will update registered event attendees if our guidance or protocols change.

### Vaccinations or Proof of Testing

- All event attendees, including members, speakers, sponsors, and ACC NCR staff must be fully vaccinated, with a vaccine that is authorized for use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the time and in the manner prescribed for doing so in the event registration announcement. Otherwise, if not fully vaccinated as defined below, an attendee must comply with the following testing requirements: (i) within 72 hours prior to the event, take a PCR test and (ii) the morning of the event, take a rapid test AND the results of both tests must be negative.
- “Fully vaccinated” shall mean that (i) at least two weeks have passed prior to the event since the attendee received either (a) one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or (b) a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines **and** (ii) if at least seven months have passed since the occasion of (i)(a) or (i)(b), as applicable, that the attendee has received an authorized booster. (If CDC changes the definition of “fully vaccinated,” we will update our protocols accordingly.)
- Attendees will be required to attest to their vaccination or negative testing status when they register for the event, either online or in-person. We also will manage individuals’ information with respect for privacy.

### Health Protocols/Best Practice Adherence

- A registrant may not attend if they knowingly have been exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms (see the section below “What We Expect From You” for details, including applicable time periods).
- Frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged.
- Proper mask wearing (over nose and mouth) is strongly recommended when indoors and when you are not actively eating, drinking, or presenting. Masks are not required for outdoor activities, but we encourage attendees to do what they are most comfortable with while outdoors at an event.
- PPE will be available to event participants on a complimentary basis, to include KN95 or N95 face coverings, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer.

## Testing

- ACC NCR strongly encourages all attendees to take a COVID test ahead of the event regardless of vaccination status.

## **What We Expect From You**

The responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is a shared responsibility among the event organizers, event venues and event attendees. To this end, all event attendees are expected to adhere to the following:

- Comply with the above-referenced vaccination or testing requirement.
- Sanitize hands as recommended.
- Do not attend an ACC NCR in-person program if you are experiencing, or during the 10-day period immediately preceding the program have experienced, symptoms associated with the flu or COVID-19 unless you have been medically cleared by your healthcare provider or you satisfy the relevant guidelines promulgated by the CDC, state or local public health authorities that apply to quarantine and isolation (such as the [CDC Guidelines](#)). You also should not attend if during the 10-day period immediately preceding the event (i) you believe that you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or (ii) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and, in either case, are not yet cleared as non-contagious by your healthcare provider or you satisfy the relevant guidelines promulgated by the CDC, state or local public health authorities that apply to quarantine and isolation (such as the [CDC Guidelines](#)). In addition, attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after attending an in-person event sponsored by ACC NCR, you agree to test for COVID-19 and promptly report positive results to ACC NCR at [covid@accnationalcapitalregion.com](mailto:covid@accnationalcapitalregion.com). ACC NCR will inform the other attendees at the event of the potential exposure (without identification) and will otherwise treat any private health or personal data received in connection with such measures and precautions as confidentially as possible.
- Regularly self-monitor for cold, flu, or COVID-19 symptoms while at event. If you begin experiencing any symptoms, promptly leave the event space and notify ACC NCR staff should you learn that you may have exposed others to COVID-19 while attending.
- An attendee may be required to leave an event (and forfeit any registration fee paid) if, in the sole discretion of ACC NCR staff, they have not complied with event protocols.