



## **AASP Duty of Care Policy**

**Creating a safe, worry-free experience is our top priority.**

As we plan for the AASP 2021 Annual Conference, the health, safety and well-being of our attendees remains our top priority. AASP has adopted preventative measures that will ensure optimal health and sanitary conditions in all environments where in-person interaction takes place, in accordance with current guidance provided by the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control](#).

AASP leadership is in the process of offering some hybrid sessions for individuals who prefer to watch sessions through live streaming. Conference registration fees will be the same for in-person or hybrid attendance. While attendees may change how they attend up to the day before the start of the conference, AASP is adhering to a no refund policy. Watch the AASP website and other communications for more details in the coming weeks.

### **Transportation**

We are staying up to date on all travel guidelines, considerations and restrictions from national and local authorities. We'll be reporting any major transportation or travel announcements that impact the event on the AASP website and via email.

See what action TSA's taking in response to COVID-19 [here](#).

### **Before the Event**

In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, AASP is taking extra precautions to ensure safety for all attendees, presenters, and staff. Two to three days prior to the conference, you will be sent the following statement requiring you to agree to abide by and engage in certain health-and-safety-beneficial conduct while attending the event.

*Statement: You agree to adhere to the precautions and policies contained herein and acknowledge and understand that you are knowingly and freely assuming all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, by attending this event. Further, you understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration, without receiving a refund.*

Individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in the AASP Conference in-person. By attending an AASP event, 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 have traveled at any point in the past fourteen (14) days either internationally or to a community in the U.S. that has experienced or is experiencing sustained community spread of COVID-19;

3. 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.

### **On-Site During the Event**

AASP asks that you follow guidance from your local health authority for everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including: thoroughly washing and sanitizing your hands, avoid touching your face/eyes/nose with unwashed hands, observe social distancing guidelines whenever possible and properly use recommended facial coverings in meeting spaces.

**We are requiring all attendees, speakers, and staff to wear face masks (cloth, disposable) throughout the conference.**

To assist attendees in complying with these requests, the following will be made available by AASP:

- Disposable masks
- Cloth masks with the AASP logo for purchase
- Responsible F&B/seating/barriers will be placed in meeting spaces following state requirements
- Signage will be placed to reinforce spatial distancing and other safety requirements and reminders
- Designated staff person responsible for developing protocols and responding to all COVID-19 related situations and concerns
- Hand sanitizer stations and disinfectant
- Items will be made available for attendees to note their comfortability level at the in-person event

### **Post-Event**

**Duty to Self-Monitor:** Based on current contact tracing advice from many health authorities, participants and volunteers agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath). If he/she experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating or volunteering with AASP, contact AASP at [admin@aasp-az.org](mailto:admin@aasp-az.org).

Consider downloading the COVID Watch app at <https://www.wehealth.org/solutions/> to monitor COVID-19 community spread.

If you have any questions please contact [AASP Headquarters](#) at (602) 992-0554.