

## **COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS (IVECCS 2021)**

Set out below are some of the health and safety precautions that will be in place during IVECCS 2021 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Centre, Nashville from September 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>.

As the health and safety guidelines related to COVID-19 are continually developing globally, our health and safety precautions outlined below are subject to change.

We will inform conference registrants of any changes to our health and safety precautions.

Effective August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, our health and safety precautions are set out below:

### Vaccination Requirement:

We **strongly** advise that all in-person registrants are vaccinated. If you are vaccinated we will require proof of vaccination prior to the time, or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of attendance at IVECCS 2021.

We require proof of vaccination prior to the time of IVECCS for in-person attendance. To meet this requirement, conference meeting registrants need to be “fully vaccinated.” To be fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks or more must have passed since the date the registrant received the second dose in a 2-dose series vaccine; or
- Two weeks or more must have passed since the date the meeting registrant received a single-dose vaccine.
- IVECCS registrants who are unable to or are unwilling to produce proof of fully vaccinated status will be assumed to be NOT fully vaccinated.

Acceptable Vaccinations: acceptable international vaccinations include those currently recognized by WHO: Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen, AstraZeneca, Serum Institute of India, SinoVac, and SinoPharm.

### COVID-19 Test:

#### Negative COVID-19 Test:

For the peace of mind of all conference meeting attendees those registrants unable to provide proof of vaccination status will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result in order to attend IVECCS 2021.

### Daily Survey:

All attendees will be required to complete a daily health screening questionnaire and show that they are cleared to attend the symposium in order to obtain a daily wristband that will allow access to the sessions and exhibit hall.

### Social Distancing:

Social distancing will be determined based on health and safety guidelines at the time of the conference.

### Protective Measures:

We are working with the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center to ensure standard and reasonable protective measures in the conference areas.

Masks:

We ask all attendees to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth in all conference areas including the exhibit hall.

Limited Attendance:

Capacity limitations in and around venues will follow local and facility recommendations and health and safety guidelines at the time of IVECCS.

**REGISTRANT REQUIREMENTS**

**Verification of Proof of Vaccination**

As noted above, we require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test at the time of the IVECCS for in-person attendance.

VECCS will be contracting with a third-party health and safety team to verify proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test before the conference through a HIPAA compliant secure platform. Further information on this online verification process will be provided in due course.

We respect your concern about privacy. Therefore, in contracting with our third-party vendor, we and our vendor will comply with the relevant data privacy regulations and HIPAA compliance.

Conference registrants understand and acknowledge that by this requirement the third-party health and safety team would be solely requesting voluntary disclosure of the conference registrants' fully vaccinated status, and COVID-19 test results, if required.

No other additional medical information is being sought. Conference meeting registrants also understand and acknowledge that the fully vaccinated status and test results, if required, of the meeting registrants shall be kept confidential.

**Onsite Support**

For your convenience and peace of mind, onsite COVID-19 Rapid Testing will be available at IVECCS and will be administered under telehealth supervision with the support of our third-party health and safety team.

If a conference registrant tests positive at this time, they will not be allowed to return to the session room or participate in other events.

Conference registrants who may require a negative COVID-19 test prior to international travel, can also utilize the services of our third-party health and safety team. All testing costs will be borne by the Registrant.

### **Registrant Duty to Self-Monitor**

Conference registrants agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath). Conference registrants understand and acknowledge that at every instance they join an in-person event at the conferences, they are affirming that they are not experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

### **Compliance:**

All IVECCS in-person registrants are required to adhere to all health and safety guidelines and policies implemented by us and our partners throughout all portions of the conference. IVECCS in-person registrants who do not comply with our COVID-19 health and safety precautions will not be permitted to enter or remain on conference premises. Under these circumstances, registrants will not be provided with a refund.