



## COVID 19 Mitigation Plan for AASB In-Person Events

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AASB is committed to making all of its in-person events safe, as your health, well-being, and safety are our top priorities. All attendees are required to read this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and agree to abide by it during AASB events. This plan was developed based on CDC, state, and local guidelines.

AASB will continually monitor local, state and federal guidelines and amend this plan as necessary.

- 1. Vaccination Requirements** Vaccines are required for all attendees. Per CDC and Alaska Division of Public Health recommendations and given the current COVID transmission rates in Alaska, primarily through the Delta variant; all attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination to register and attend. (For those with a medical exemption, we will work with each individual independently, which may include requiring a negative COVID test.)
- 2. Face coverings** are mandatory for all attendees in AASB designated areas, regardless of vaccination status and the venue's requirements. For your convenience, additional face masks will be made available at registration.
- 3. Meeting Space Considerations** Conference registration, food service, and access to meeting rooms will be reconfigured to allow for maximum spacing between attendees. Where bottlenecks may occur, signage, floor stickers and staff monitoring will be used to maintain social distancing.
- 4. Sanitation and Hygiene** Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available at all tables. Additionally, hotel staff will clean conference rooms (including tabletops and objects) on a regular basis. Attendees are asked to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.
- 5. Health Screenings** By attending the meeting, participants are affirming they have no symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or other CDC-identified symptoms). If you start to feel sick or



display COVID-19 symptoms, do not attend any conference activities, or come within six feet of others. Please remain in your hotel room and notify AASB Conference Coordinator at [jlefing@asb.org](mailto:jlefing@asb.org).

6. **Food and Beverage** Consumption of food and drink inside should be minimized to avoid multiple participants being unmasked at the same time. All buffets will be serviced by an attendant, and any self-serve items will be individually wrapped.
7. **Comfort Level for Person-to-Person** We know attendees may have different comfort levels when it comes to person-to-person interaction so we're providing color-coded identifiers to help you communicate your level of comfort with others, if you would like. You can pick up the color of your choice at the registration table.

**RED** means "Please, no physical contact."

**YELLOW** means "I'd like to elbow or fist bump."

**GREEN** means "I'm okay with high-fives and handshakes."

### **In the Event of Occurrence:**

- According to CDC guidelines, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend or participate in a gathering until cleared by public health.
- Anyone identified as a close contact to an individual who has tested positive for COVID19 may not attend or participate during their quarantine period.
- Anyone with symptoms is not allowed to attend or participate in a gathering.

By attending AASB's in-person events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree to any posted health-related instructions.

If any attendee fails to follow these guidelines, they will be asked to leave the event and will not receive a refund.

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## ***For Annual Conference***

### **Breakout Sessions:**

- Seating for the break-out sessions has been reduced to allow for greater distancing between attendees. Adequate seating should still be available. Our most popular sessions will be hosted in larger rooms or offered more than once.
- Anchorage Hilton is following guidelines according to their Clean Stay policies: <https://www.hilton.com/en/corporate/cleanstay/>