

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 current CDC, state, and local guidelines.

AASB will continually monitor local, state and federal guidelines and amend this plan as necessary. All events will be guided by the COVID-19 community levels as laid out below:

- **Green “Low Risk” level:** Masking is optional. Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.
- **Yellow “Medium Risk” level:** Masking is optional and highly encouraged for larger gatherings (+100). It is recommended that you wear a mask if you are immunocompromised or at [high risk for severe illness](#), and recommended if you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness.
- **Orange “High Risk” level:** Masking is required inside at all times.

Regardless of COVID-19 Community Level:

1. **Self Test:** We request participants to self-test for COVID-19 prior to attending to ensure they are not COVID positive. The results do not need to be shared with AASB.
2. **Face Coverings** are optional, but it is recommended that you wear a mask if you are immunocompromised or at [high risk for severe illness](#), and recommended if you live with or have social contact with someone at high risk for severe illness. Face coverings will be made available to attendees.
3. **Meeting Space Considerations** Conference registration, food service, and access to meeting rooms will be reconfigured to allow for maximum spacing between attendees.
4. **Sanitation and Hygiene** Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available. Additionally, venue 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.
6. **Comfort Level for Person-to-Person** We know attendees may have different comfort levels when it comes to person-to-person interaction so at some events, AASB will provide 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.



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RED = "Please, no physical contact."

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

GREEN = "Okay with high-fives and handshakes."

In the Event of Occurrence:

- Anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend or participate in a gathering until cleared by public health and should follow current CDC guidelines.
- 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.