

COVID-19 Communications Plan AASB's 2021 Annual Conference



We will be updating our protocols and registration requirements as facts and circumstances dictate.

Pre-Event

1. AASB will provide up-to-date information to attendees, including the COVID-19 mitigation plan. This will be conveyed through the conference website, emails and social media postings to attendees, presenters, and exhibitors.
2. AASB's November 2021 Annual Conference registration requirements will require one of the three items listed below:
 - Proof of a COVID-19 vaccination (presentation of your actual vaccination card or a legible photo) or:
 - Proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) within (3) day of the start of AASB Event, or:
 - A health care provider's documentation that you have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days and are free from symptoms, including no fever within 24 hours of fever-reducing medications, has been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared, and are not contagious for the virus but may test positive.
3. During event registration, attendees will be asked to read and agree to AASB's COVID-19 protocols, and a waiver and release of liability.
4. AASB will be in regular communication with the venue about safety protocols and confirm their agreement with AASB's plan.
5. Ensure all AASB staff, presenters, and exhibitors know and understand details of COVID-19 measures at AASB events. This will include sending by email, and discussing at all-staff & team meetings.

During Event

1. At registration, AASB's COVID-19 mitigation plan will be made available, along with posted reminders about attendee's commitment to it.
2. Signs and posters will be posted in highly visible locations (e.g., at entrances, in restrooms) that promote everyday prevention techniques such as handwashing and cloth face coverings. Broadcast regular announcements about reducing the spread of COVID-19 on public health systems.

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3. All social distancing and hygiene requirements will be communicated in staff areas, on tables, common areas and at all transportation points.
4. An individual will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All staff (volunteers or employees) should know who this person is and how to contact them.
5. AASB staff will be responsible for making sure attendees are following COVID-19 protocols. If attendees are found to not be following protocols, immediately report the non-complying individual to the designated staff member. Staff will be trained on how to respond prior to the event.
6. Daily COVID-19 check-in emails will be sent to all attendees, staff and presenters.