

## COVID Safety Protocols for the 2022 Alliance Summit

August 2022

The Colorado IDD Provider Community has been a national leader in keeping people healthy and safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We need to continue this leadership as Alliance Members gather for our in-person conference. For all attendees' safety, Alliance has decided to implement the following COVID-19 Safety Protocols for the Alliance Summit:

### Vaccination, testing, and masking requests for attending sessions at the 2022 Alliance Summit:

- Ideally, all attendees should be fully vaccinated. Due to the rapidly changing conditions created by COVID-19 and its variants, we will **NOT** be requiring participants to show proof of vaccination; however,
- Alliance *strongly encourages* individuals to be tested for COVID prior to traveling to the Summit. Individuals who test positive should stay home and cancel your registration.
  - We will be raffling off AN AMAZING PRIZE to attendees who complete the following steps:
    1. Take a COVID-19 test (either an at-home or a PCR) within 72 hours of August 30<sup>th</sup>.
    2. Take a picture of your negative result.
      - If positive, stay home and send an email to [Kylie](#) to cancel your registration, but, as a thank you for testing, know that you're still entered in the raffle.
    3. Present the picture of your negative test when you check in for the conference. The volunteers will then ask you to fill out a card with your name and phone number to be entered into the raffle!
- Mask-wearing at the 2022 Alliance Summit will be encouraged and optional. Masks should cover both the mouth and nose. We ask that participants honor the requests of others to mask up and/or maintain physical distancing.
- **If you begin to have COVID symptoms at any time throughout the conference, please see our Strategic Partner, Ease-e Medical, at their exhibit table. They have a limited number of COVID-19 tests available for onsite use if you are experiencing symptoms or learn you have been exposed.**
  1. <https://www.fda.gov/media/158007/download>; Lot code: 212CO21228; expiration printed on box 2022-06-27; extended expiration from FDA 2022-12-27.
  2. **If positive, please stop attending conference events and let Alliance staff know.**

### All attendees should agree to or understand the following:

- Attendees should only participate in the conference if they are healthy and are not exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- Alliance recommends all participants be fully vaccinated prior to attending conference events.
- Attendees recognize that it is impossible to eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19, and they recognize that if they belong to a high-risk category (age 65+; underlying health issues), their risk of becoming severely ill from COVID-19 and developing complications from the disease, which could include hospitalization and death, is elevated.
- Participation at the 2022 Alliance Summit is voluntary, and attendees expressly assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and waive any claim they may have against Alliance and its staff, event leaders, and volunteers.
- Alliance will provide, and requests attendees wear, color-coded bracelets to identify comfort level of interacting with other attendees (**Green- handshakes and hugs are welcomed**; **Yellow- no physical contact please**; **Red- 6-foot social distance is appreciated**). These will be available at check-in. Please respect everyone's comfort level at this event.

These extra precautions, while undesirable, will allow us to gather with peace of mind that we are all being respectful of each other. If the requirements above affect your ability to attend the conference, you **must** contact [Kylie Kampbell](#) before August 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for helping to create a safe space for our conference attendees.

*These protocols take into account guidance and best practices from Summit County, the State of Colorado, and the CDC.*

