



**March 4, 2022**

## **Health & Safety Protocol for Annual Conference & May Work Group Meetings**

NCPDP is excited to welcome you back to the NCPDP 2022 Annual Technology & Business Conference, May 2-4, and May Work Group Meetings, May 1-2, as in-person only events, at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale.

We are hard at work planning for a safe and comfortable return to our in-person events, beginning with both May Work Group Meetings and the 2022 Annual Conference.

### **Requirements for Participation:**

All attendees, speakers, staff must either provide [proof of COVID-19 vaccination](#) before departure OR proof of a [negative PCR or NAAT test](#) taken with 72 hours of departure only once for Work Group, Annual Conference and other special events, including the Foundation Old World vs. New World Tasting Event. NCPDP will have a third-party healthcare organization, IHP, manage the collection of vaccination information and testing results submitted by all participants. Verification by IHP is required to gain access to the event. No refunds will be issued. For purposes of NCPDP events, you are considered COVID-19 vaccinated 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

This requirement conforms to CDC guidance and has been approved by NCPDP's Board of Trustees. NCPDP is also working in accordance with guidance from the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) to help protect the safety of all attendees.

### **Individual Responsibility & Caring for Our Colleagues:**

We are asking all participants to be vigilant about monitoring their own health symptoms and isolate should anyone exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or be in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

Wristbands will be available to all conference attendees to express their comfort level with social distancing. Red wristbands indicate a preference of honoring at least six-feet of social distancing. Yellow wristbands indicate moderate comfort with closer than 6-feet of physical distance. Green wristbands indicate an individual is comfortable with closer than 6-feet contact. There will also be signage on site with reminders on how to interpret use of the wristbands. All conference participants are asked to take special note of individuals' preferences to ensure personal boundaries and comfort levels are honored at NCPDP's events.

**Updated CDC Mask Use Recommendations:**

According to [updated CDC recommendations on mask use](#) and the *current* (as of 3/4/22) COVID-19 community level in Scottsdale and Phoenix, which are located in Maricopa County, people may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Stay up-to-date on [COVID-19 Community level information](#) by visiting the CDC website.

**Helpful Links:**

- Visit the [Department of Health Services](#) website for information and resources on Arizona's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website for up-to-date information and resources.
- Click [here](#) to read about new cleanliness standards, flexible cancellation policies, and health and safety measures at The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

NCPDP is compiling FAQs on our health and safety measures. Watch for more information mid-March. If you have a specific question you would like to have addressed in the FAQ, please send it to [events@ncpdp.org](mailto:events@ncpdp.org).

Thank you for your support of a safe and comfortable return to our in-person 2022 Annual Conference and May Work Group Meetings! As a reminder, the Early Bird Registration rate is available through March 18th. For more information or to register visit the [2022 Annual Conference website](#).

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