

Association of International Education Administrators Leaders in International Higher Education

2022 AIEA Annual Conference COVID-19 Safety Measures

AIEA is excited to welcome everyone back to our first in-person annual conference in New Orleans, LA, February 20-23, 2022. The health, safety and well-being of our conference attendees is our top priority. AIEA is closely monitoring the evolving situation surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In effort to reduce the possibility of the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our event, AIEA has adopted preventative measures in accordance with current guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, City of New Orleans, and Sheraton New Orleans Hotel (Marriott).

In addition, the following is required for all AIEA conference attendees:

- All conference attendees are required to be fully vaccinated: two weeks post your second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks post your single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. A booster shot is strongly recommended if at all possible.
- Attendees who are not fully vaccinated (due to medical contraindication or underlying conditions)
 must submit a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours prior to their first day of attendance (rapid
 test is accepted). These attendees should continue to take all precautions recommended for
 unvaccinated people, including wearing a well-fitted mask.
- Face masks are mandatory (KN-95 mask are highly recommended) at all indoor events by all attendees, regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn the entire time with the exception of times when attendees are actively eating or drinking.
- Attendees are required to practice social distancing at conference events (maintain 6 feet distance when engaging with other attendees)
- Attendees are encouraged to practice preventative hygiene by washing hands and utilizing sanitizer stations throughout the facility

*The city of New Orleans is currently requiring proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test for all indoor dining facilities. Please be sure to have these items with you.

Important Note: At conference registration, attendees will sign a form stating that they are symptom-free before they can complete the onsite conference registration procedures. Anyone with COVID-like symptoms will not be permitted to participate in any events, and strongly advised to not attend the conference. If you develop COVID-like symptoms or have tested positive during the event, you will need to immediately return to your hotel room or home (if attending locally) and quarantine according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

The responsibility of a safe and healthy event requires strong efforts from AIEA, the venue, and all attendees. Therefore, we greatly appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our attendees as we aim to host an engaging event in these very uncertain times.



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These precautions and guidelines are subject to change based on guidance provided by the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Centers for Disease Control</u>, <u>City of New Orleans</u>, and <u>Sheraton New Orleans Hotel (Marriott)</u>.

<u>AIEA COVID Testing Information</u> - *Note: testing appointments may need to be scheduled in advance.