Covid-19 Statement

The University of Florida/IFAS Office of Conferences and Institutes (OCI) remains committed to presenting highly valuable programming to advance the mission of each conference we organize, and the safety and health of our attendees is a top priority. We're working with event venues, vendors, and closely following UF Health and CDC authorities on the COVID-19 situation. **Unless deemed unsafe, this event will be held in-person.**

We will implement several actions to protect attendees and our team from potential exposure to COVID-19 as much as possible. This begins with continuous monitoring of the COVID-19 situation, and adherence to current guidance and travel warnings. Based on current guidelines, measures may be implemented, as outlined **here**.

We will continue to keep attendees informed as plans progress and the event date nears. Should it be deemed necessary, depending on the most up-to-date recommendations, we are also prepared to pivot to a fully virtual event. Please bookmark this page and check back regularly for updates.

COVID Guidelines for Attendees

Prior to Arrival
- We recommend you get vaccinated (as well as receive recommended booster shots or other follow-up vaccinations if eligible) prior to the event.
- Stay home if you are ill, display signs of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, or have been exposed to COVID-19 within 14 days of the event. Attendees showing signs of illness will be asked to leave the event.
- Pack enough face masks to use for the event and any flights and public transportation.

Upon Arrival
- Respect social distancing protocols; avoid touching others without explicit permission.
- Regularly wash or sanitize your hands. Refrain from shaking hands.
- Follow all guidelines and staff instructions, whether written or verbal.
- If you become ill after arrival, stay in your hotel room, and get tested. Pharmacy locations are identified in conference materials provided to attendees.
- Do not enter the event if you feel unwell.
- If you need assistance, contact the hotel front desk or conference registration.

COVID CANCELLATION POLICY

- If you are unable to attend a conference due to a government restriction that prevents you from attending, you are eligible for a full refund. For example, if you live in Canada and, at the time of the conference, non-essential travel to the United States is banned, you would be eligible for a full refund.
- If you are legally able to attend a conference and decide to cancel due to COVID-19, our normal refund policies with cancellation fees would apply.

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