



## **Duty of Care – Updated 1/4/22**

The safety of our attendees is of paramount importance. AFFI is investing in multiple ways to ensure the safest conference environment.

These safety measures are based on AFFI's collaborative research with Emory University and North Carolina State University scientists and reflects best practices to significantly reduce the risk of person-to-person transmission in indoor settings. The data used to inform AFFI's "**COVID-19 Health & Safety Measures**" were developed using quantitative risk modeling and simulation research funded by AFFI's Frozen Food Foundation.

While the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 is still a concern, we have a *shared responsibility* to keep each other safe. Together, we can create the safest environment in which to gather, conduct business, and enjoy each other's company in February.

## **AFFI-CON 2022 Health & Safety Measures**

### **Before you arrive in Dallas:**

- **AFFI strongly recommends that all conference registrants are vaccinated.** We will ask you to send confirmation of your vaccination prior to arrival. If you are not vaccinated, a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result within 72 hours of flight departure to AFFI-CON will be required. Prior to AFFI-CON, you will receive a separate email with instructions for uploading your vaccination status or test results.
- **Any registrants that are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are advised to avoid travel and instead participate in a virtual AFFI-CON experience.**

### **While at the conference:**

- **Upon arrival, as a courtesy to your peers and to ensure an extra measure of precaution, we request that all attendees take a rapid antigen test.** AFFI will provide each registrant with a rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test Kit that can be taken in the privacy of your hotel room. Additional tests will be available during the event.
- **Wear a mask.** AFFI strongly recommends all conference registrants DOUBLE MASK using a surgical mask or a single KN-95 mask – when present in public/common areas of the conference with other registrants (this includes the conference floor, group meeting rooms, hotel lobby, elevators, etc.). AFFI will require all registrants wear at least a SINGLE SURGICAL

MASK – when present in public/common areas of the conference with other registrants (this includes the conference floor, group meeting rooms, hotel lobby, elevators, etc.). Don't worry if you forget a mask as they will be available throughout the conference space.

- **Monitor your symptoms daily.** Non-contact infrared temperature scanners will be available throughout the conference space.
- **Use good hand hygiene and sanitation.** The hotel has strong measures in place also, especially with continuous sanitation of high-touch areas such as escalator handrails, elevator cabin buttons, restrooms, etc. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout our conference space.
- **Attach a ribbon to your name badge to signal your preference for physical contact.** Green means "handshakes and hugs welcome," Yellow means "let's fist bump instead of handshake," and red indicates a preference for no contact.
- **If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, AFFI recommends the use of on-site COVID-19 testing.** AFFI will have available rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits at the Registration Desk for anyone who may have come in close contact with a sick individual or who like to test to rule out potential infection.

Conference attendees should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are asked to contact AFFI, at [events@affi.com](mailto:events@affi.com), if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after AFFI-CON 2022.

*Please note that by checking the box during the online registration process, you agree to adhere to the precautions and policies above and understand that you are knowingly and freely assuming all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, by attending this event. You understand that refusal to adhere to these policies and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration, without receiving a refund.*

*AFFI reserves the right to update these policies due to comply with any changing state and federal mandates. Should changes be made, a notification will be sent to all registered attendees.*