

Masonic Week 2022

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols and Acknowledgment

While participating in events held at Masonic Week 2022, “social distancing” may be practiced, and face coverings may be required to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious, the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America “GCAMDUSA” and Masonic Week’s Program Committee “Committee” have instituted preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, GCAMDUSA and the Committee cannot guarantee that the participants in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. No one should risk their health to attend especially people who are immunocompromised or at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or if they live with someone who fits that description.

Attendance Requirement

Participants in Masonic Week 2022 events are required to register in advance. In keeping with the Committee’s duty to care and responsibility as host, all participants at the in-person Masonic Week 2022 conference, whether a presenter, attendee, exhibitor, staff, guest, or vendor is highly encouraged to be fully vaccinated before the event. "Full vaccination" means that either 14 days have passed since receiving the second dose of FDA or WHO authorized (or emergency use authorized) double-dosed vaccines or a single-dose vaccine.

Out of precaution to themselves and to other attendees, unvaccinated individuals are highly encouraged not to travel to Masonic Week this year. Unvaccinated attendees will be asked to provide a negative COVID-19 test administered no more than 72 hours prior to time of check-in at the registration desk.

Mask Requirement

Due to the number of attendees and the size of conference rooms, there may be difficulty to optimize social distancing. Therefore, for the safety of everyone, all participants at Masonic Week 2022 will be required to wear masks during program events. Masks must be worn in venues where individuals cannot be physically distant except while actively eating/drinking or presenting. Masks must cover both the mouth and nose. We ask that participants honor the requests of others to mask up and/or maintain physical distancing.

Wearing a mask in public indoor settings is recommended even if local transmission levels are not substantial, particularly for people who are immunocompromised or at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19, or if they live with someone who fits that description.

Viral Testing Access

Should there be a need to be tested, the Committee has arranged with local testing sites to provide rapid and PCR testing. CDC recommends that individuals get tested 3-5 days after close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Hyatt Regency Crystal City’s statement on their health and safety protocols

The Hyatt Regency Crystal City remains committed to caring for our guests, colleagues and customers, as your safety and wellbeing is always a top priority. While we’ve always been in the business of sanitation and cleanliness, it is now more important than ever. Our commitment as a hotel, indeed, as a company, is to remain vigilant and follow procedures and protocols as mandated or recommended by local jurisdictions, the World Health Organization (WHO), the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other leading organizations and experts. With that in mind, we would like to share some steps we have implemented to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our guests and colleagues.”

Preventive Measures

- High-touch surfaces cleaned and disinfected using hospital-grade products on a two- hour rotation from 6am – 10pm. Including but not limited to:
 - Public entrance / exit door handles and push plates
 - Front Desk and Concierge surface tops
 - Escalator hand rails
 - Elevator landing call buttons, cab control buttons, and interior hand rails
 - Public restroom door handles and push plates
- Proper hygiene practices for colleagues including frequent handwashing, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and protective masks and gloves worn by appropriate hotel colleagues.
- Prominently placed hand sanitizer stations throughout hotel public spaces and entrances.

Arrival Experience

- Hotel Shuttle drivers to utilize gloves and masks in all instances. Shuttles sanitized after each trip.
- Mobile Check-In and Keyless Entry available through the World of Hyatt app for World of Hyatt members.
- Plexiglass shields at Front Desk with colleagues in masks and gloves for those preferring a traditional check-in experience.
- Rearranged furniture in public space to ensure free-flowing foot traffic with ample walkways to allow for physical distancing.

Guest Room

- Guest room amenities have been reimagined to limit touch points with single-use items.
- Optional room cleaning service during stays. Room to be vacant during service.
- Increased frequency of cleaning of guest room high-touch surfaces, including but not limited to:
 - Dressers & End Table Tops, Handles, and Pulls
 - TV and Remote Controls
 - In-Room Safe Control Pad
 - Bathroom Fixtures and Faucets
- Increased frequency of cleaning in guest room adjacent areas (hallways, elevator landings, etc.) using hospital-grade disinfectants.

Restaurant and Bar

- Implementation of single-use menus- printed on recyclable paper.
- Touch-free hand sanitizing stations installed at all food & beverage outlets.
- Appropriate PPE worn by culinary team during food preparation and all service colleagues during service.
- Re-sanitation of kitchens scheduled on a regular basis throughout the day.

Events

- Meeting room layouts will be individually tailored to each group's needs to ensure best learning, quality of experience, and optimal physical distancing.
 - Pre-packed 'grab and go' style menus available.
 - Prepackaged, single-use disposable flatware utilized for pre-packed menus and on request.
 - Pitchers of ice water replaced by water coolers.
 - Ability to encourage distancing for breaks and receptions with the use of spacing reminders on floors near registration areas, information tables, and break stations upon request.

General Guidelines

- Wash your hands when you arrive and frequently throughout the day
- Practice social distancing at all times and in all venues
- Wear a mask or other face covering, and particularly where social-distancing measures may be difficult to maintain.
- If you use the food, beverage or break areas, wash your hands before use.
- Comply with any additional requirements established by the hotel with regard to elevators, entry points, shared bathrooms, etc.

Acceptance of Risk Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

By attending this conference, I attest that I am aware that COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, and that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 is highly contagious and believed to be spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and the implementation of other safety measures such as frequently washing hands, limiting large group gatherings and the wearing of masks.

I understand that attending Masonic Week, February 9-13, 2022, (the “Conference”) **in-person** will involve, by its nature, congregation of members, presenters and facilities staff, which may or may not always meet social distancing guidelines.

The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America “GCAMDUSA”, the Program Committee “Committee” and the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport “Hotel” where the Conference will be held have put in place measures to attempt to help reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus and COVID-19; however, by attending the Conference, I acknowledge, understand and agree that these groups **cannot guarantee** that I, or any other person, will not become ill, including with COVID-19 and I am attending of my own free will and at my own risk.

I acknowledge that **in-person attendance** at the Conference **may increase** my risk of contracting Illnesses, including COVID-19. I acknowledge that the “Committee” has advised all attendees to be fully vaccinated against the virus. I acknowledge that if I am not vaccinated, I will be asked to show a proof of negative COVID-19 test administered no more than 72 hours prior to check-in at the registration desk.

As a condition to my in-person attendance at the Conference, I assume full responsibility for my participation in and in-person attendance at the Conference and any related events, including as relates to any illness, exposure or infection, and I discharge, indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue the host, participating groups, attendees, organizations nor their agents in relation to any illness, or injury experienced or incurred in connection with my attendance at or participation in the Conference or any Conference-related events.

Likewise, I agree not to attend any part of the Conference in person if I have within the past 10-days:

- **tested positive** for COVID-19, or **experienced (or am experiencing, or experience at any time during the conference)** fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and/or exhibited any other flu-like symptoms or respiratory issues;
- **had close contact with a person** who tested positive for COVID-19, experienced fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and/or exhibited any other flu-like symptoms or respiratory issues; and/or
- **was self-quarantined for any other reason** due to potential exposure to COVID-19.

By attending this conference, I acknowledge receipt, understanding and acceptance of this Acceptance of Risk Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19, and agree to comply with all Masonic Week 2022 COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols while I am attending the Conference itself or any Conference-related event.