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Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety During MESPA Institute 2022

MESPA has been and will continue to watch the evolving spread of the omicron variant in Minnesota. We continue our planning with the knowledge that MESPA Institute is an important opportunity for us to connect as a community of professionals. We rely on the time to refresh and support each other as colleagues through extraordinary challenges. At the same time, we support all our attendees, exhibitors, and speakers to do what is the right thing for them as we get closer to February 2nd.

1. Vaccination Status

- a. MESPA expects all Institute 2022 attendees without a medical exception to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
 - i. MESPA will not ask attendees to provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test to enter the event.

2. Masking

- a. MESPA will follow whatever MDH and CDC guidelines for [large indoor gatherings](#) are in place at the time of the event.
 - i. Hennepin County is currently considered an area of high transmission. Attendees should therefore plan to mask when not eating or drinking **at all times during the event**, regardless of vaccination status.

3. Social Distancing

- a. MESPA and Radisson Blu will work together to maximize opportunities for social distancing during conference events by increasing the amount of space between tables and chairs.

4. Wellness

- a. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from attending the event. If the attendee cancels the week of the event due to a positive COVID-19 test they may contact MESPA staff to request a refund. Cancellations for any other reason may not be refunded.

5. Cleaning

- a. Review cleaning policies and procedures from Radisson Hotels America [here](#).
- b. MESPA expects all attendees to practice good handwashing hygiene.