

NFHCA 2022 Annual Convention Health & Safety Guidelines

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In an effort to promote a healthy Convention experience for all attendees and exhibitors, the NFHCA has adopted a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for the January 2022 Annual Convention. All registrants – including attendees and exhibit personnel– must present proof of full vaccination to attend the January 2022 Annual Convention as described below. Please review the following:

- Attendees and vendors will be **required to provide proof of full vaccination** in order to attend the January 2022 NFHCA Annual Convention. Any requests for exemption will be reviewed by the Executive Director. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Proof of full vaccination status should be submitted through the secure *Crowdpass* platform. A link has been emailed to all registrants to upload a copy of their vaccination card no later than January 5, 2022.
- Masks help protect those around you. COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets, according to the CDC. Masks are a simple barrier to help prevent your respiratory droplets from reaching others. Current CDC guidelines recommend that masks be worn by people two years of age and older, anytime you are in a public indoor setting, when you are around people who do not live with. The NFHCA is strongly encouraging masks, which cover both the nose and mouth, during all Convention sessions.
- For any registered attendee who tests positive for COVID-19 between January 4 and January 11, 2022 or for any registered attendee who is considered in a high-risk population and has been advised by a medical expert not to attend the in-person Convention, the NFHCA will provide recordings of designated sessions by January 24. Member breakout meetings, Ready2Coach sessions, and award ceremonies will not be included in the recorded sessions. A voucher for \$35 will also be provided as a credit toward the 2023 NFHCA Annual Convention in these unique circumstances.

Should you test positive for COVID-19 within seven days of the event and do not want access to the recordings, you may request that your 2022 registration fees be credited to the 2023 NFHCA Annual Convention. You may review our refund policy online.

All requests and questions regarding the above need to be sent directly to Cate Clark, NFHCA Executive Director, at <u>cate.clark@nfhca.org</u>.

• Any attendee who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms while at the convention will be asked to not attend convention events. No medical services or testing will be provided on site. Any medical attention needed would have to be accessed in a local urgent care or hospital. In these circumstances, requests for a future 2023 convention credit or partial credit will be considered.

While risk of COVID-19 cannot be eliminated in a gathering, having a close to fully vaccinated convention should reduce that risk in good measure. Additional steps or best practices may be implemented. We recognize that individuals will need to make their own decisions regarding travel and attendance and assumption of that risk.

Learn more about Marriott Lake Mary's health and safety measures here.

Thank you for your understanding as we navigate together, the uncertainty of a global pandemic.