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FMEC 2022 Annual Meeting COVID-19 Policy

The FMEC's COVID-19 policies and procedures as of June 2022 are described below. The FMEC reserves the right to revise these policies and procedures at any time for any reason as the FMEC deems appropriate or advisable based on local or national conditions.

Vaccination/Negative Testing

The health and safety of meeting participants is a top priority for the FMEC. Therefore, all participants (registrants, guests, staff, speakers, exhibitors and sponsors of the FMEC's event who are attending in person) must provide one of the following:

- A physical or digital vaccination card and matching identification (driver's license, passport) showing that they are fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks past a single-dose vaccine or the second dose of a two-dose series) against COVID-19; or
- A negative COVID-19 PCR test administered within 48 hours of the meeting.

An email will be sent to all meeting participants approximately one week prior to the meeting reminding them of this requirement. Participants will be required to show proof of the above to FMEC staff or volunteers upon check-in at the meeting.

Onsite Safety

The FMEC will monitor federal COVID-19 guidelines and will comply with local, state and venue/property guidelines in effect during the meeting dates in Arlington, VA and at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

The FMEC recommends masking and will have a supply of masks available onsite, and the FMEC also encourages social distancing. The FMEC will not *require* masking or social distancing given the absence of any regional or facility requirements in place and the state of the virus as of this policy. Meals planned will be a combination of boxed and plated meals, only some of which may be easily portable. Seating in meeting venues will be typical for conferences, enabling social distancing when the number of individuals in the room allows for empty seats between attendees. As usual for an FMEC meeting, some program rooms will fill up. Individuals should participate or not based on their personal comfort levels.

Attestation to Attend

Vaccinations, safety protocols, and personal discipline can reduce risk, however, exposure to COVID-19 is possible in connection with any public gathering. The FMEC cannot guarantee that its participants will not become infected with COVID-19. Individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage with the FMEC Annual Meeting. By attending, you attest that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

- You currently or within the past ten (10) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others; or
- You believe you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for your treatment.