

If you are registered or want to register for the AATE Conference in Providence, it's critical that you read the following for entry requirements to the event.

As a reminder and update, AATE is setting forth the following COVID PROTOCOLS for the 2022 Conference. We want everyone interested in attending in person to know that we are doing everything possible for your protection and comfort.

COVID vaccination will be required. Upon arrival to Conference, participants will be required to provide documentation of full COVID-19 vaccination (with final dose date no later than July 23, 2022) OR as an alternative, documentation of a recent negative PCR diagnostic test within 72-hours of July 28, 2022 (no earlier than 12:00 PM Noon on July 25). Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series (two doses) of COVID-19 vaccines. When eligible, additional booster shots are recommended by the CDC, but are not required for AATE.

Please be prepared to present either your original vaccination card, a printed copy, or a digital copy of such card. Unvaccinated attendees must have proof of a negative PCR diagnostic test within 72-hours of July 28, 2022 (no earlier than 12:00 PM Noon on July 25) and provide proof of a negative result prior to entry. Rapid tests will not be accepted.

Please carry your proof of vaccination or negative test with you at all times during Conference. There are several APPs like MyChart that you and your healthcare provider can use to upload your status and documentation. However, originals, printed copies, or digital copies will be accepted.

Masks will be required at all times. All patrons regardless of vaccination status must wear masks over their nose and mouth at all times while inside the venue.

Social distancing will be put into place where possible. Social distancing is strongly encouraged and set-ups will accommodate where possible.

There will be no onsite testing. Rapid and in-home testing is expensive and does not prove reliable unless viral loads are high. AATE is counting on all participants to be proactive, get their vaccines, and necessary negative PCR tests prior to coming to the 2022 Conference. If an unvaccinated participant arrives without the required negative PCR test, they will not be allowed entry. Respectfully, there will be no exceptions and no refunds.

Disinfecting wipes and hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the Convention Center. We encourage everyone to be proactive and take a moment to wipe, spray, and sanitize.

Stay home or at your hotel if you are sick. It's not worth it to compromise your own and others' health. If you have symptoms, even after testing negative just prior to the Conference, please do not travel. AATE will be happy to provide a full refund.

Get an early start. With vaccine validations, badge pick-up, social distancing, problem-solving, etc., it's most probable that it will take AATE a little longer to get everyone safely checked in and on the go. Please give yourself an extra 30-45 minutes on day one for vaccine validation, badge pick-up, and navigation to your first session.

What is listed above is subject to change as this is an ever-evolving situation, so requirements and instructions may shift even after you have registered. We kindly ask that you pay vigilant attention to our e-mails between now and the Conference concerning what is required of you to attend. And we say thank you for everyone's patience, cooperation, and feedback.

AATE is carefully monitoring CDC guidelines and coordinating with local health authorities (Providence, RI) and agencies. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to e-mail AATE's Executive Director Alexis Truitt at alexis@ate.com

Virtual options will also be available for attendees to participate from home.