



ANAC2021 COVID-19 Safety Procedures and Policies

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The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) staff and conference hotel staff will take precautions to ensure the health and well-being of attendees. We are strictly following CDC and Washington, D.C. government and Department of Health requirements. As nurses, scientists and other healthcare workers who are guided by science and evidence, we require all attendees to follow these guidelines and to model behaviors that will allow for safe gatherings. Current ANAC2021 Conference COVID-19 precautions include the following:

- All conference attendees, speakers and staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend the conference. All ANAC staff are currently fully vaccinated.
- Per Washington, D.C. requirements, properly worn masks will be strictly required throughout the conference venue, and other indoor venues, except when eating and drinking or at the discretion of conference organizers (i.e., when speakers are presenting at the podium, distant from attendees). If needed, masks will be provided. The hotel (conference site) will not allow entry without a mask.
- Attendance is limited to about 70% of usual attendance. This will allow attendees space for proper social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the hotel and in the meeting areas.
- Meals will have grab-and-go options.
- Attendees, speakers or staff who are currently experiencing, or in the past 14 days experienced, symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from attending conference sessions or functions.
- If attendees, speakers or staff are exposed to COVID-19 during conference or show any signs of COVID-19 symptoms, they are required to self-quarantine in their room until a negative COVID-19 test is confirmed. A list of COVID-19 testing sites will be provided at conference.
- Attendees are asked to refrain from crowding the podium or gathering in groups to meet with speakers after each session. Instead, attendees will be able to ask questions using the audience microphones or by contacting the speaker using email addresses, which will be provided.
- The Renaissance by Marriott staff is currently 90% vaccinated and all staff are required to be vaccinated by Nov. 1. A state-of-the-art air filtration system is being installed in the conference areas and will be complete by Nov. 1. The hotel has developed a special cleaning program and other measures to deliver the safest stay possible. [Learn more.](#)

ANAC will follow all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and local government regulations in place at the time of the event. However, there may be circumstances that are within those guidelines and regulations that make you uncomfortable. If that occurs, we trust that you will use sound judgment and remove yourself from that situation.

If you have questions about these guidelines, contact ANAC Executive Director, Carole Treston at Carole@anacnet.org.

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