

## Your Safety is Our Priority

Your health and safety are our utmost priority. As we plan to return to an in-person conference, we are actively evaluating conditions and have developed meeting guidelines and policies to ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, local conditions and safety guidelines are constantly evolving. We are closely monitoring the current state, federal and local COVID-19 guidelines for in-person gatherings and travel restrictions since a lot can change between now and November 2022.

## MACUB Health & Safety Policies

**Vaccines required for all participants.** All participants (including exhibitors, guests, and staff) must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination to attend MACUB 2022. Participants must be fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO). Following current [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) guidelines, a person is considered fully vaccinated based on the following:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

Additionally, COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use by the World Health Organization (i.e., AstraZeneca/Oxford, Covishield, Sinopharm, and Sinovac), on or before October 9, 2022, are approved for attendance to MACUB 2022. Please refer to the [list of approved vaccines with WHO EUL/PQ evaluation status](#).

MACUB strongly encourages all attendees take a COVID-19 test prior to the date of the conference.

*Requirements for entry to MACUB 2022 are subject to change at any time based on governmental, venue, or other mandates applicable to the meeting.*

**Masks are required for all MACUB activities and events.** Masks are required regardless of local ordinances. All attendees, exhibitors, guests, staff and service partners will be required to wear masks at the venue. Masks must completely cover your mouth and nose and fit snugly without gaps. Disposable masks will be available onsite.

**Health Attestation Prior to Attending.** Prior to entering MACUB meeting venues, participants must attest they have not:

- Been diagnosed with OR tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 5 days.
- Been directed to self-isolate by a public health authority or healthcare provider due to potential exposure to COVID-19 within the past 5 days.
- Had any symptoms associated with COVID-19 infection, nor had any symptoms in the past 5 days, including: fever of over 100.0; cough (not attributed to a pre-existing condition); shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; and/or diarrhea.
- Had close contact (within six feet) with anyone under known quarantine or diagnosed with COVID-19 or showing symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 5 days.
- Travelled to or from a region with significant community spread of COVID-19, as identified by the CDC, or other governing body, within the past 5 days, nor has any family member travelled for personal or business reasons to these areas.

## **Health and Safety FAQs**

### **What should I expect in session rooms?**

- Layout of the room will be adjusted to allow for social distancing rules as directed by local guidelines.
- Increased sanitizing of session room throughout the day by the convention center.
- Selected symposia will be live streamed to allow for remote viewing.

### **What should I expect at networking events?**

MACUB and SUNY Old Westbury are actively working to make necessary changes to our networking events to reduce risks to participants. Adjustments may include designated areas for eating and drinking, individually packaged food items, and other precautions for contact-free catering service.

### **What should I expect in the Exhibit & Poster Hall?**

- Security personnel to enforce mask mandate and social distancing in exhibit hall
- One-way aisles with directional floor sticker
- Poster boards alternated with blank boards to provide social distancing
- Inline booths will have 8' divider drape
- Capacity limits within exhibit booth
- Increased sanitizing throughout the day with hand sanitation stations provided through the convention center and hall)