

## ECRS 2023 Events COVID Policy

The ECRS COVID policy was developed by the Board after consulting with various health care providers, reviewing CDC recommendations as well as examining COVID policies from other indoor group events and conferences. Please note that **the following requirements are subject to change** in accordance with updated CDC guidelines and national COVID case counts.

**1/ Vaccination** against Covid-19 is required to attend ECRS events. The requirements are as follows:

- **Proof of vaccination:** \*As per CDC, vaccination can range from a single dose (Johnson & Johnson) to a 2-dose series (Moderna, Pfizer) with consideration of a person's age and immune status.
- **One booster dose:** \*As per CDC, a subsequent dose of vaccine administered to enhance or restore protection which might have waned over time after primary series vaccination\*\*.

**2/ A Negative Rapid Home Test result** must be presented upon arrival. It is recommended that participants test PRIOR to traveling so as not to have to return home should one be asymptomatic with a positive test result (see #4 below). In addition, participants are required to bring at least **one unopened test** with them to retest should symptoms occur during the event.

**3/ All participants** will be required to fill in a **COVID symptoms checklist completed the day of traveling to the event** to rule out any COVID risk factors. Again, it is strongly recommended that this be done before leaving home so as not to have to return home if any of the risk factors are identified.

**4/ Participants with symptoms or who are asymptomatic with a positive test result are asked to stay home** and their registration costs will be refunded to them.

**5/ Any participant who develops symptoms (coughing, runny nose, sore throat, muscle aches, fever, etc.) of COVID or other illnesses** while at an ECRS event will be required to either return home or to quarantine at the event. Living space will be designated for quarantining. If returning home, registration costs will be refunded.

**6/ Masking** is optional, unless you are ill (and not COVID positive) then masking is required.

**7/ Flu shots are strongly recommended** but not required.

\* <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html>

\*\*While both vaccination(s) and a booster are required as per this policy, if you have a circumstance that prevents you from any of the above requirements, email [board@ecrs.org](mailto:board@ecrs.org) to request an exemption.