



## Event Health and Safety – COVID-19

The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all participants in the Association’s activities. SNA has zero-tolerance for activities at in-person events which endanger the health and wellbeing of participants, volunteers, or staff.

All participants in SNA in-person events should review and will be expected to act in alignment with [CDC Recommendations](#) to maximize protection from the virus. If the CDC recommendations become more restrictive than the guidance in this document, SNA will update attendees as soon as possible, and those recommendations will supersede the information provided herein.

### Protocols

For SNIC 2022 all attendees, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers, and support staff are required to:

- Be fully vaccinated<sup>1</sup> against COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination OR receive and provide a negative COVID-19 test result within three (3) days (72 hours) of the start of the event, January 16, 2022.
- Follow SNA and hotel health and safety guidelines.
- Evaluate your health each morning before attending conference related activities and sessions.

In alignment with CDC recommendations, SNA encourages participants to wear a face mask indoors in the presence of other persons in areas where community transmission is “Substantial” or higher. All individuals at the event agree to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 following the event and contact SNA at [meetings@schoolnutrition.org](mailto:meetings@schoolnutrition.org) if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after the event concludes.

### Travel

SNA will follow [county, city, state, and federal health and safety regulations](#) and expects conference participants to do so as well. Participants traveling to SNA events should be in good health and should not have symptoms consistent with or a diagnosis of COVID-19 and should not have been in contact with a person exhibiting symptoms or a diagnosis of COVID-19 in the prior 14 days.

By attending the event, we ask you to certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:

1. Individuals who, within the fourteen (14) days prior to January 16, 2022, have experienced any [symptoms associated with COVID-19](#) (even if fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have recovered from COVID-19 in the past);
2. Have suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 (even without symptoms); or
3. Have been in close contact with someone with suspected or diagnosed COVID-19 in the past 14 days (even if they did not have symptoms).

General travel information during COVID can be found at the [Corporate Traveler Resources Hub](#)

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<sup>1</sup> In general, people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

## What to Expect

- Attendee adherence to health and safety protocols.
- Best practices for food & beverage service
- Following any directives put in place for social distancing at the time of the meeting
- Widespread availability of hand sanitizer
- Meeting room cleaning between sessions

## San Antonio, TX COVID Info

[Home - City of San Antonio](#)

[Safer Stronger San Antonio \(visitsanantonio.com\)](#)

Grand Hyatt San Antonio Info

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## Attendee Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk

Attendee assumes all risks and accepts sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that attendee may experience or incur in connection with attending the SNIC22. Attendee hereby releases, covenants not to sue, and will discharge and hold harmless the School Nutrition Association, their respective employees, agents, and representatives, of and from any such claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.

Specifically relating to the global COVID-19 pandemic, attendee acknowledges the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, voluntarily assumes the risk of exposure or infection by attending the SNIC22 and acknowledges that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, disability, and/or death to attendee. Attendee understands the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the SNIC22 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others who may attend the event or their families, colleagues, or others with whom they may have contact. Accordingly, attendee understands and agrees that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of SNA, its employees, members, vendors, exhibitors, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in the SNIC22.

In addition to all other rules and regulations relating to the attendee's attendance at the SNIC22, attendee agrees to comply with all COVID-related procedures that may be implemented by SNA and the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, including, but not limited to, vaccination, health monitoring, mask-wearing and social distancing requirements and restrictions on certain activities that carry higher COVID-related risk, in order to protect as much as possible the health and safety of all SNIC22 attendees.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are masks required for SNIC 2022?

In accordance with local guidance in San Antonio, there is not a mandate to wear masks indoors. In alignment with CDC guidance, SNA encourages masks to be worn indoors in the presence of other persons in areas where community transmission is “Substantial” or higher.

Our meeting location does provide access to outdoor space so there are opportunities to step outside for mask breaks.

### Do I have to be fully vaccinated to attend SNIC 2022?

For public health and safety reasons, all in-person attendees must be either (1) fully vaccinated for COVID-19 before arriving on-site, or (2) submit a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the start of the conference.

SNA is using the CLEAR App, commonly used by airports, for attendees to upload their documentation prior to arriving in San Antonio. The following test results are accepted:

- Lucira at-home antigen test, Pixel by Labcorp, Everlywell and Vault within 72 hours, OR
- An antigen or PCR test from an official testing clinic – within 72 hours

They are constantly updating the tests they accept so when you go to “labs” to submit your proof of the test, it should have a list of the ones they accept. If yours is on the list and you can select it, then you should be good to go for SNIC22.

Registered SNIC attendees will receive an email from SNA with further instructions on how to upload their documentation using the CLEAR App.

### Do I need the booster shot to attend?

No, a booster shot is not required at this time.

### I cannot receive the vaccine due to religious or health-related reasons; can I still attend the in-person event?

Yes, if you are unable to meet the vaccine requirement, then you must submit a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the start of the conference.

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### Will I need to provide proof of my vaccination status, or a negative COVID-19 test?

Yes, you will need to provide proof of your vaccination status or a negative COVID-19 test prior to arriving in San Antonio and receiving your conference materials.

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[If I am fully vaccinated, do I also need to provide a negative COVID-19 test?](#)

No, if you have submitted proof of vaccination via the CLEAR App, a negative COVID-19 test is not required.

[Will I be able to take a COVID-19 test onsite?](#)

SNA will not provide testing onsite. We strongly encourage attendees who need to get tested to do so before arriving in San Antonio to avoid any delays in receiving your registration materials. However [here is a list of nearby rapid test locations](#) should you need to obtain a test onsite.

[Will SNA be providing masks?](#)

We ask that everyone come with their own masks. However, SNA will have a limited supply of extra masks on hand for participants who need one.

[How will SNA be enforcing the Event Health and Safety Policy?](#)

Everyone attending the in-person event must agree to comply with all health, safety, and distancing guidelines in place at the time of the meeting and must comply with the vaccine and testing requirements. Attendees who decline to comply with event health and safety guidelines or related instruction from hotel, event center, or SNA staff and volunteers will be asked to leave the event.

[When I enter my vaccine and/or test information into the CLEAR app, the expiration is before the SNIC conference, how do I make sure my Health Pass doesn't expire?](#)

Health Passes generally remain valid for 12 hours following survey completion. Once it expires, you will just need to go through the Health Pass flow again to create a new Health Pass. **The information you initially put in and uploaded will not be lost.** When you arrive onsite at SNIC, and open your health pass, it will reload the pass with a new expiration date, so you will be able to display your “green card” for registration without issue.

[How do I upload my at-home test results?](#)

CLEAR accepts at home test results from the following providers:

- Lucira at-home antigen test
- Pixel by Labcorp
- Everlywell
- Vault

To upload your results, you'll need to choose one of those providers from the provider list in CLEAR and link the provider account to your CLEAR account to certify the test.

What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

Do I need to have a booster to be considered fully vaccinated?

No, the CDC definition of fully vaccinated does not include COVID-19 booster shots.

I have a health-related circumstance that is preventing me from being vaccinated, can I upload a doctor's note?

You are not able to upload a doctor's note to the system. However, you will be able to provide proof of a negative COVID test in lieu of proof of vaccination.

I have had COVID in the past 90 days and am no longer contagious, do I still have to provide proof of vaccination or negative test?

Yes. Past infection with COVID does not preclude a person from being reinfected and passing the virus on to others. Regardless of whether you have had COVID in the past, you will need to submit proof of vaccination or negative test.

The testing provider I used to get a COVID test is not appearing in the provider listing when I search the CLEAR app. What do I do?

If your doctor's office or other testing provider is not listed in the CLEAR app, you may use the following form to submit your test result. This form is not for use for at-home tests.

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6688876/SNIC-Negative-COVID-Test>

I have tried to get the CLEAR App and it says that my phone is not compatible with the current version of CLEAR. What should I do?

Please contact CLEAR directly at [memberservices@clearme.com](mailto:memberservices@clearme.com) or 1-855-253-2763 (M-F 9a-9p ET).

I would prefer not to use the CLEAR App, can I just bring my vaccine card?

We are asking all participants to upload their vaccine information or negative COVID test information into CLEAR to maintain the privacy of health records and speed the process of check in at registration. More information about CLEAR's privacy and security measures can be found [here](#).