**Commitment to care**

# 2022 BUILDING PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS CONFERENCE AND SIMBUILD, September 14-15, Chicago, Illinois

ASHRAE is committed to the health and safety of our members and conference attendees. ASHRAE is closely monitoring guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/gatherings.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fyour-health%2Flarge-gatherings.html), the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/covid-19-vaccines/advice), and [local health agencies](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid19-vaccine/home.html) regarding travel. ASHRAE’s Commitment to Care may evolve as the 2022 Building Performance Analysis Conference and Simbuild approaches and guidance and local restrictions change.

**In Advance of the Conference**

* Attendees must “accept” [ASHRAE’s liability waiver](Registration/ASHRAE%20COVID19%20Waiver%20Release_BPACS22.pdf) when registering for the conference.
* Everyone attending the conference is required to register for the conference for safety purposes.
* It is *recommended* that attendees are fully vaccinated. Proof will not be required.
* Local government guidelines state that individual businesses may choose to require proof of vaccination upon entry. The conference hotels do not require proof of vaccination to enter, however, it is recommended you bring your vaccination card if needed while in Toronto.

**At the Conference**

* Masks may be worn at the individual’s discretion. Masks are not required inside the conference hotels but are strongly encouraged.
* Color-coded lanyards are available for attendees to indicate their level of comfort regarding distancing.
* Hand sanitizing stations will be positioned throughout the meeting space.
* If symptoms develop, attendees should NOT attend sessions and can join the conference virtually.
* If an attendee tests positive while at the conference, he or she may quarantine at the conference hotel at their own expense and should report the positive test to ASHRAE staff.

**After the Conference**

* If an attendee tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of leaving the conference, the attendee should notify ASHRAE staff immediately.
* ASHRAE will communicate to attendees, if needed, up to 14 days after the last day of the conference.