



# Annual Conference Safety Protocols

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Like you and your institution planning for the next event, semester, and safety of your community, URMIA continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We have these protocols based on the current situation and will make changes as necessary with as much notice and as little disruption as possible.

URMIA safety protocols are for the protection of all attendees, as well as our loved ones, colleagues, and communities when we return from this event. Choosing to attend the conference in person is done *at your own risk* and you acknowledge that there are times when you will likely be around people throughout your travels and the conference-related events who have not been vaccinated or may be symptomatic.

As of now, URMIA recommends testing prior to, onsite, and following your travel to help reduce the potential transmission of COVID-19. We request that everyone who is medically eligible be up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations before coming to an in-person conference to minimize the impact on your health should you be exposed to the virus. URMIA is working to get some tests should the need arise for conference-wide mandatory onsite testing but, in the meantime, is relying on attendees to self-test and self-monitor.

URMIA will remain mask-friendly and welcome mask wearing by anyone who wants to do so. If a government mandate is in place at the time of the conference, URMIA will adapt to that as the conference policy. We will continue to monitor the nationwide trends and follow any mandates by Marion County/Indianapolis Indiana as well as guidelines from the CDC nearer to the time of the conference.

## **Has the URMIA vaccination policy put in place earlier this year changed?**

Yes. At this time, URMIA does not require a vaccination to attend an in-person meeting. URMIA believes in the personal responsibility of community members to create a safe and inclusive experience.

## **Is a mask required?**

At this time, masking is optional. URMIA events are mask friendly. We will ask attendees to follow the local requirements for mask wearing that are in place at the time of the conference and may ask for masking indoors, regardless of vaccination status, if the [CDC's](#) community level tool indicates a high COVID-19 level at the time of the conference.

## **Am I required to show proof of vaccination?**

No.

## **I registered to attend but am not feeling well. What should I do?**

If you find that you aren't feeling well as your travel date approaches, please don't travel! We can switch your registration to the virtual conference experience allowing you to continue to participate.

## **I am at the conference but don't feel well. What should I do?**

If you become ill while at the conference, please follow the CDC's best practices and guidance, isolate as best you can, and report your illness to the URMIA executive director.