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IDA Annual Conference & Marketplace Guidance and Best Practices

PLEASE NOTE: Guidance and best practices below are subject to change at any time based on regulations of all levels of government, domestic and international. We ask that in-person attendees follow guidance and best practices provided by IDA, and that registrants do not attend any in-person events if feeling unwell or showing any symptoms of illness.

IDA places the highest priority on the health and safety of our members, partners, and colleagues. We ask that attendees follow guidance and best practices to make our 2022 event safe, secure and enjoyable for all. As the economy continues to reopen, the rapidly changing conditions created by COVID-19 and its variants necessitates that IDA constantly evaluate and update health and safety guidance and best practices. We will continue to monitor information from the [British Columbia CDC](#), [Government of Canada](#) and will maintain consistent communications regarding the conference on [IDA's event webpage](#).

CANADA TRAVEL INFORMATION

Currently, full COVID vaccination is required for entry into Canada should you be traveling from a country outside of Canada and must be uploaded to the ArriveCAN App prior to travel.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated*:

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

*Accepted vaccines by the Government of Canada for purpose of travel to and within Canada based on the [Travel.GC.CA website](#) and authorized by the World Health Organization (WHO): AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD (ChAdOx1-S, Vaxzevria, AZD1222), Bharat Biotech (Covaxin, BBV152 A, B, C), Janssen/Johnson & Johnson, Moderna (mRNA-1273), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2), Sinopharm BIBP (BBIBP-CorV), Sinovac (CoronaVac, PiCoVacc).

ArriveCAN is free and secure and is the official Government of Canada platform to provide your information when entering Canada. You must use ArriveCAN to provide mandatory travel information before and after your entry into Canada. For more information including entry into Canada and how to use ArriveCAN, please click [here](#).

Government of Canada Travel page includes information such as return or travel to Canada, current testing and quarantine requirements, [checklist for entry](#), and travelling within Canada. Please click [here](#) for more information.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND LIABILITY WAIVER REQUIRED	Attendees who wish to attend in-person will be required to complete a COVID-19 assumption of risk form during the registration process for the conference and liability waiver onsite during registration check-in.
HEALTH SCREENINGS	COVID-19 testing site information will be provided upon request. Attendees may be required to provide confidential health information to appropriate providers. IDA strongly recommends bringing at-home testing kit(s) and suggests conducting self-temperature checks and self-screenings upon arrival. To find testing locations in British Columbia, please click here.
MASKS ENCOURAGED	Mask-wearing at the conference is encouraged. Wearing a mask in most indoor public spaces is a personal choice. Masks are still required in some situations like on federally-regulated transportation like airplanes or trains. Masks are encouraged on public transit and BC Ferries. Some businesses, workplaces or events may choose to require masks. To find more information about British Columbia CDC recommendations and Government of Canada guidelines as well as best practices from other meetings to maximize protection from COVID-19 and variants, click the links above.
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	Physical distancing is recommended but optional. Sessions will occur at staggered times to prevent traffic/congestion throughout the hotel meeting space. Session rooms will be monitored for capacity.
HYGIENE ETIQUETTE	Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the conference space. We recommend that attendees follow British Columbia CDC guidelines and Government of Canada guidelines and utilize hand sanitizing stations before and after eating as well as all sessions and breaks along with washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Hand sanitizers will contain at least 60% alcohol and should cover all surfaces of the hands and rubbed together until they feel completely dry. IDA also strongly recommends and suggests to bring your own sanitization items for personal use outside of the conference, when traveling and when consuming food and beverage.
COMFORT COLOR	IDA will be providing a traffic light system, "What is your level of comfort today?" Upon collecting your badge at registration, you will be asked to select a sticker indicating your comfort level of interaction during the conference.
HOTEL	Conference hotel has developed a global program introducing new standards of hotel cleanliness and disinfection.
OFF-PROPERTY	Masks-wearing at the conference is encouraged. Events and additional locations outside off-property may choose to require masks, based on businesses.