

TO: ALA Executive Board

SUBJECT: Annual Conference 2022 Health Protocols (DRAFT)

BOARD REQUEST: Board Action

ACTION REQUESTED BY:

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DRAFT OF MOTION:

ALA Executive Board approves the Annual Conference 2022 Health Protocols

DATE: February 11, 2022

ATTACHMENTS:

Annual Conference 2022 Health Protocols

Suggested verbiage for registration:

American Library Association Annual Conference 2022 Health Protocols

ALA is actively tracking emerging news regarding COVID-19 and its variants. ALA will continue to monitor guidelines for health and safety measures as recommended by the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Washington, DC. ALA will follow applicable federal, state, and local laws, adapting ALA plans accordingly. We are working closely with Destination DC, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and contracted ALA Hotels. Any change in protocols will be communicated via the ALA Annual Website and to registrants.

- ALA will require all registrants to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination prior to traveling to DC.
- Masks will be required at all ALA events and ALA contracted venues including but not limited to meetings in hotels, the convention center, on the exhibit floor, and on shuttle buses regardless of whether it is required by law at the time of the Conference.

We ask all registrants to:

- Avoid person-to-person contact and maintain a minimum distance of 6-feet from others to allow for “social distancing;”
- Wear a face mask or covering even when not at official ALA events such as the airport, hotel lobby, museums, etc, especially whenever social distancing cannot be maintained; and
- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer if hand washing is not readily available.

I agree that:

- I will not attend the Conference if I have knowingly been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 within the fourteen (14) days prior to the Conference or if I am experiencing or have experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the fourteen (14) days prior to the Conference.
- I will notify ALA at confs@ala.org if I experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 at any time during the Conference or within 14 days after participating in the Event. Please note, this information will be held strictly confidential. It will only be used to inform other Event attendees of the possibility of exposure (and such notice will not include your name).

I understand:

- Traveling to and attending the Conference could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.
- ALA is not responsible for the Venue’s COVID-19 mitigation efforts (or lack thereof) or any negligence by the Venue or its staff relative to such precautions.

I acknowledge and agree that I am attending the Conference voluntarily and at my own risk, and that I release and waive any claim I might have against ALA and its officers, directors, employees and agents for any and all liability or responsibility for any illness, damages, or injury whatsoever that I may incur in connection with my attendance at the Conference, including, without limitation, as a result of exposure to COVID-19 or the manner in which the Conference is conducted.