NACADA's Commitment to Safety

In order to promote safety during our events, NACADA has followed best practices recommended by the CDC and abided by the legal mandates and recommendations. For those traveling to be a part of the event, your health, well-being, and safety remain our top priorities. NACADA is committed to providing respect and care for all attendees. To support this goal, NACADA strongly encourages all attendees who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine to do so when possible.

As outlined in the Annual Conference registration guidelines, NACADA has contracted with VOW Digital Health to manage the verification process for vaccination cards and PCR COVID-19 tests. Vaccination will not be required for attendance. However, NACADA will require all attendees, Executive Office staff, and volunteers to provide proof of one of the following (not both) via VOW Digital Health:

- Proof that they are fully vaccinated with a vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or the World Health Organization (WHO) OR
- A negative PCR COVID-19 test within 72 hours of the first day of event attendance.

VOW Verification

VOW captures minimal personal information to verify your COVID-19-free status.

Closer to the conference date, all registrants will receive a link via email to register with VOW. We encourage you to register with VOW as soon as possible after you receive this email. If you are vaccinated, upload your government-issued ID for identity verification and your fully completed COVID-19 vaccination card right after you receive the link. If you are not vaccinated, we encourage you to register with VOW and upload your government-issued ID after you receive the link. You will receive text reminders to submit a negative PCR COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours of event start date. You may enter your data at any time up to 48 hours prior to the event start date.

Once completed and verified, VOW will notify NACADA of your successful completion of the pre-event verification process. You will receive a digital VOW Verified Custom Access Pass on October 22, 2022. VOW will send this pass and communicate via text message, so please review your contact information. Please ensure you have this pass with you when you check in on-site for the conference. This notification is required for entry into the event.

VOW will not share personal information with NACADA staff. They will only indicate that you are verified for entry to the event. You may review VOW Digital Health’s privacy policies at https://vowdigitalhealth.com/privacy-policy/.

Please Note

- You only need to submit proof of full vaccination or negative PCR COVID-19 test, not both.
- Explanation of full vaccination from the CDC:
Question: “Am I still considered ‘fully vaccinated’ if I don’t get a booster?”; Answer: “Yes, the definition of fully vaccinated does not include a booster. Everyone, except those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, is still considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after the single-dose J&J/Janssen vaccine. Fully vaccinated, however, is not the same as having the best protection. People are best protected when they stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, which includes getting boosters when eligible.” https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html

• Upon registering for this event, you were required to review and accept the NACADA Coronavirus/COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Waiver.
• NACADA will not be responsible for any additional costs incurred (hotel, travel, medical, etc.) if you test positive for the virus while traveling to/from the event as outlined in the NACADA Coronavirus/COVID-19 Assumption of Risk and Waiver.
• You should not attend if you are ill or experiencing fever or any COVID-19 symptoms.
• If you have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within ten days of the event dates, refer to CDC guidelines based on your vaccination status. A proof of negative test will be required to attend the conference.
• On-site testing will NOT be available. It will be your responsibility to locate and secure testing. If the above requirements are not met before, you will not be allowed access to the event.
• As of May 1, 2022, masks are no longer mandatory at NACADA’s in-person events. In consideration of the number of attendees traveling from many locations, NACADA strongly encourages all participants to wear KN95, N95, or surgical masks at our events. We ask that participants make their personal choices responsibly and be respectful of other attendees’ health choices. We will continue to update these safety practices to promote the health, well-being, and safety of all conference participants.