



## **NAPO COVID In-Person Meeting Policy February 2023**

Effective February 2023, NAPO will no longer require proof of vaccination status or a negative test result to attend an NAPO in-person meeting or event. Mask-wearing at NAPO meetings and events is encouraged but will be optional.

Instead, NAPO expects attendees to take responsibility themselves for following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and their local health officials, on measures to reduce infection from COVID-19 and to protect against severe complications. NAPO urges all members to follow the CDC's recommendation that everyone over age 12 receive the updated bivalent vaccine as soon as they are eligible to do so (e.g., 2 months past their last shot).

For more information, please review the guidelines at:

**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>**

Attendees who are not up-to-date on vaccinations are asked to take an at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test before traveling to any NAPO meeting and should not attend if they test positive or have symptoms of COVID-19. NAPO will not be requiring proof of these measures, however, but calls on the NAPO community to act responsibly and with consideration for the health and safety of others.

NAPO Meetings & Events Entry Policy is subject to change based on COVID-19 community levels and any updated guidance from CDC and/or federal or state officials in localities hosting a NAPO in-person meeting or event. Guidance on COVID-19 is continually updated, and NAPO appreciates the understanding of its stakeholders as we seek to provide valuable, timely in-person programming while prioritizing the health and safety of attendees.