



## American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine (AIUM) Health and Safety Plan Onsite Events at the AIUM's Education Center

### 1. Purpose and Scope

The AIUM is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for faculty, staff, exhibitors, and participants at their in-person events, conferences, and seminars. The AIUM has developed the following Health and Safety Plan, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other outbreaks or pandemic events. This plan includes policies and procedures to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control, WHO, and the Maryland Department of Health for large gatherings.

### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

The AIUM's goal is to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 during their in-person events and promote the safety and wellbeing of all participants or staff in the building. Participants all have a role to play in being responsible for supporting, complying with, and providing recommendations to further improve this plan. The AIUM's health and safety guidelines are shared and implemented on the event website as well as during the registration process.

Attendees are welcome to provide feedback to the COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan by emailing: [learn@aium.org](mailto:learn@aium.org). All suggestions and feedback will be reviewed and considered for future updates.

### 3. Hazard Assessment and Event Participant Protections

The AIUM has reviewed best practices and recommendations from the CDC and local government to set their Health and Safety Plan. The AIUM will adhere to CDC and the Maryland Department of Health recommendations and guidelines for their health policy. Please be advised that as their suggested protections change, the AIUM will act accordingly. Participants should be aware that requirements will change based on current level of infections and health agency regulations.

#### ***On-Site Screening and Management***

The AIUM will provide a staff member at each event to confirm the following safety measures are being enacted.

- Safety Measures
  - Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the Education Center daily
  - Masks and hand sanitizer readily available throughout the Education Center
  - Staff contact tracing for positive cases
  - It is suggested that participants remain masked while indoors. Masks may be removed briefly for eating and drinking purposes.
- Health and Wellness Verification and Screening
  - Any participant who is not feeling well or experiencing any of the following symptoms of COVID-19 as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov), will be asked to not participate in the event. Symptoms include:
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Fatigue
    - Muscle or body aches
    - Headache
    - New loss of taste or smell
    - Sore throat
    - Congestion or runny nose
    - Nausea or vomiting
    - Diarrhea



- o If an attendee is feeling unwell we ask that they not participate. The AIUM will have on-site a limited number of rapid 'at-home' style COVID-19 tests that they will make available to participants.
- o The AIUM will also provide attendees who need additional testing and care with the address of the closest testing and medical centers in relation to the venue address.

### ***Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)***

The AIUM recommends masking when indoors at events and within close proximity to other individuals. The AIUM will also have available masks for those who may wish to mask but did not bring one with them. While masks are not required at this time, the AIUM asks all participants to be respectful of attendees masking choices and to be cognizant that individual comfort levels vary.

### ***Physical Distancing***

In addition to the onsite screening and management listed above, the AIUM will provide physical distancing where possible. However, the AIUM asks that all participants, faculty, and staff when gathered in groups, remember to distance where possible. Because many events do not allow for distancing at all times (such as when gathered around equipment), the AIUM does recommend masking. Tables and seating for the event will be spaced apart as space permits. The AIUM also requests that all participants when gathering at food functions or exhibit functions respect the distance and well-being of others. While some individuals may be comfortable with closer boundaries, the AIUM asks that participants remember to be courteous and considerate of others' boundaries and spatial preferences.

### **Notification to Participants of COVID-19 Exposure**

While reasonable precautions are being taken to ensure safety, attending an in-person event does come with some risks. The AIUM will be taking the aforementioned precautions, however, in the event that participants have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 during the event, participants will be notified.

Notification will not include the name or any information of the COVID-19-positive person. Notification will occur as soon as possible via email to the participant's registered email address.

The AIUM requests that anyone who is diagnosed with COVID-19 during the event, or within 5 days following the event, notify the AIUM at: [learn@aium.org](mailto:learn@aium.org). All emails and information will be considered confidential. Only a notice of exposure to other participants will be shared.

## **4. Monitoring Effectiveness**

The AIUM will work collaboratively with participants and Venue to monitor the effectiveness of this COVID-19 plan so as to ensure ongoing progress and efficacy.

The AIUM will update this COVID-19 plan as needed to address changes in event-specific COVID-19 hazards and exposures.