



Preparedness & Precautions

MPI Minnesota Preparedness & Precaution Mission

The health and safety of members and in person guests is of the utmost importance to MPI Minnesota. With these priorities at the forefront of every decision, MPI Minnesota has established a task force of industry leaders who have implemented preparedness & precautionary plans within their respective organizations. This task force has followed all local, state, and CDC recommended guidelines to implement safety measures for the chapter to meet in person in a way that is as safe as possible given the current situation. MPI Minnesota will continue to monitor current guidelines for events as the situation unfolds and is ready to adjust this plan as guidance from these organizations evolves.

Vaccinated or Unvaccinated

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- Unless instructed otherwise by our venue(s) or governmental mandates, MPI MN is not requiring masks for those that are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated individuals or not fully vaccinated individuals are required to wear masks.



VENDOR & VENUE

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Preparedness - Venue

CONTRACT AND HEALTH ATTESTATIONS

- All venues must provide a COVID preparedness plan and have written details of their cleanliness procedures pre- and post-events.
- All venues must have their staff adhere to the same self-health attestation that we do our guests.
- All venues must have their staff adhere to the same precautions we ask of our attendees, board, staff, guests, and speakers.

FLOOR PLAN

- All venues will follow state guidance and executive orders on spacing and guidelines. At the current time, restrictions have been lifted in state of Minnesota unless a place of business determines different precautions which we will then follow.

PPE AND OTHER ITEMS

- Venues will provide:
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Floor decals or markings when applicable
 - Appropriate venue related signage
 - If applicable, disposable masks

Preparedness- Food/ Beverage Vendors

- All bars, buffets, and self-service items will have accessible hand sanitizer station near by or the ability to wear gloves.
- All staff servicing food or beverage will be wearing appropriate PPE, which includes masks covering both nose and mouth. When applicable rubber gloves are preferred.



ATTENDEES, GUESTS, STAFF, BOARD, SPEAKERS, AND SPONSORS

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Before an event

- We have enhanced our health and safety measures to mitigate risk for you and other attendees at MPI Minnesota events. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public space where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending an MPI Minnesota event, you voluntarily assume all risks related to potential exposure to COVID-19.
- To help mitigate that risk, we are asking all our attendees to answer the following questions. If you are unable to certify that your answers to each of the following questions is “no” then (1) you will not be allowed to enter the event premises, and (2) we will refund your registration fee within a two-week post-event timeframe.
- In the past 72 hours have you or anyone in your household experienced:
 - A temperature equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees F
 - New or worsening cough
 - Shortness of breath or chest tightness
 - Sore throat
 - Vomiting/ diarrhea
 - Extreme fatigue
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell
 - Persistent muscle aches
 - Headaches

Entry

- Before entering the premises, please note the following:
 - By coming / entering the event space you have acknowledged that you are not showing any of the symptoms related to the COVID-19 virus.

Registration/ Check in

- Waiver station will be the first check point for our events.
 - If you are unwilling to sign our waiver, we will refund your registration and ask you do not attend our event.
 - Waivers will be available on our website in advance for all preregistered guests to view.
- Contactless registration desk
 - Plexiglass dividers may be set up between registration attendant and attendee.
 - Registration will be dispersed as much as possible.

Signage

- Please read all signage and follow precautions noted.

Personal Protection

MASKS (required for unvaccinated individuals)

- A masks should cover both nose and mouth.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- We ask folks to consider six-feet social distancing when applicable, but it is not required.

WASHING HANDS

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom and before and after eating.

DON'T TOUCH FACE

- Refrain from touching your face as much as possible.

PPE & other precautions

- Should you need or want it, please bring your own mask. Disposable PPE will be available onsite should you need it.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be available.
- Disinfectant wipes will be available onsite.
- We are discouraging people from sharing items that are difficult to clean, sanitize, or disinfect.

Event follow-up

- **In accordance with the Minnesota Health Department, we ask that your contact information be up to date.** If someone has contracted COVID-19 and attended our events within 14 days of that window, attendees will be alerted.
- If you contract or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days following our event, please contact the office of MPI Minnesota immediately via email or phone; office@mpimn.org or (651) 917-6243.



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SPEAKERS

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Speaker & Panel protocols

Q&A

- Any live audience Q&A will have a mic runner. Mic runner will be wearing mask, rubber gloves and will be equipped with disinfectant wipes.
 - Runner will wipe down microphone top between each question. Only the runner will be holding the microphone and keeping a safe distance.

STAGE ETIQUETTE

- During speaker transitions be patient and wait for previous speaker to depart podium area.

MASKS

- Masks will be worn on to the stage for those that need or want to wear one and can be taken off once directly in front of podium. Roundtable leaders will keep mask on during discussions.

BACK-UP

- Speakers should consider a back up option if they are not able to speak live due to situations out of their control. Consider a prerecorded video as a worst-case scenario.



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EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS

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Tradeshow/ Display Booth Protocols

SETUP/ TEAR DOWN

- Vendors should allow ample time for set up and tear down to not rush and risk contamination or uncleanness.