

# ATN's Pandemic Response for In-Person Conference Attendance - Updated December 8, 2021

The Attachment and Trauma Network ("ATN") continues to monitor policies and procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as any other community-wide health issues. The safety of our attendees, staff, speakers, and volunteers at our 2022 CTSS Conference is our top priority. We are following guidance of federal, state, and local agencies to implement best practices aimed at managing the spread of the virus.

**Given the desire of ATN's Board of Directors to keep everyone as safe as possible, ALL attendees of the 2022 in-person conference must be fully vaccinated--including attendees, presenters, exhibitors, staff, volunteers, and sponsors.** Registered conference attendees, staff and volunteers will receive information on how to verify their vaccination status using a free, simple, secure, and HIPAA-compliant third-party vendor. Fully vaccinated, for the purpose of this policy, is defined as receiving two doses of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson & Johnson. Additionally, we recommend that all attendees eligible for booster vaccines receive one prior to the conference; however, at this time, boosters will not be required to attend.

We recognize that vaccination is a personal choice and for some not medically advised. We also recognize that for some being in large crowds can feel too overwhelming right now. This is why we are offering the Virtual Portion of our conference on February 24 & 25, 2022. We urge those who can not attend the In-Person Conference to consider the Virtual option.

**In addition to the vaccine requirement, we will be requiring that all attendees, presenters, exhibitors, staff, volunteers and sponsors at the In-Person Portion of the conference wear masks in all sessions, the exhibit hall, and common conference areas.** We are considering additional safety measures as part of our onsite mitigation plan. Conclusive decisions on these will be made closer to the conference date in February. These considerations include social distancing, color-coded systems to show personal social distance comfort, etc. We continue to monitor and evaluate the outlook for in-person events and will share updates as they are available. We will post more information about what you can expect onsite as we get closer to our event dates.

ATN will have measures in place to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus; however, ATN, under no circumstances, is able to guarantee that you or a guest will not become infected with the virus or any other community spreading illness while in attendance at the 2022 CTSS Conference.

Adherence to ATN In-Person event policies and guidelines will be monitored and enforced. If for any reason, you do not feel you will be able to comply with ATN's policies, please consider our Virtual Conference.

Purchasing an In-Person Conference and/or a Pre-Con ticket confirms you understand and agree to abide by all of the above.

*This policy was approved by Board of Directors on December 8, 2021*