

## COVID PROTOCOLS for the 2022 CUWIP Meetings

We are looking forward to hosting a safe and inclusive CUWIP in January. We are actively monitoring the COVID-19 metrics and utilizing a public health and safety consultancy to advise APS on best practices and protocols. At this time, we propose the following protocols be **required** for those persons attending the event in person:

- Submit **proof of vaccination** against COVID-19 via a secure propriety on-line system
- Obtain a **negative PCR test 72 hours prior to** attending the assigned CUWiP site center
  - **PCR test:** the PCR COVID-19 test must have been taken **within 3 days prior to arrival** at the meeting location and all attendees will enter test results into a secure proprietary on-line system; **or**
  - **Antigen test:** we understand that some attendees may have trouble obtaining a PCR test in their area. Per the advice of its public health consultants, APS will also accept negative results obtained by any of the following tests:
    - A rapid antigen test performed at a pharmacy or healthcare provider conducted **within 24 hours prior to your arrival**; **or**
    - An at-home antigen test that meets the CDC at-home test requirement for travel, including live supervision by a telehealth service conducted, **within 24 hours prior to your arrival** at the assigned site
- Require all attendees must wear a properly-fitted mask that covers your nose and mouth at all times while on-site (except when presenting)
  - Masks with vent valves, gaiters, face shields, bandanas, are **not** acceptable.
  - Masks may be removed when eating or drinking
  - Presenters, at their discretion, may remove their masks during their presentation
- Social distancing shall be practiced at all times and sanitizing stations and regular cleaning of shared surfaces will be conducted at regular intervals
  - It is suggested that seating follow WHO guidelines for in-person events providing three feet between each seat, as possible.
- All attendees will be asked to complete an **on-line daily health attestation**.
  - Each morning (around 5:00 am) each attendee will be sent a link to complete a daily health attestation. After correctly answering the health questions, and receiving the "You are CLEARED for the Event!" response, you may proceed to the meeting venue.
  - This is your "pass" to enter the meeting venue. Remember to take a screenshot on your device so you can show it to staff as you enter the meeting venue.
  - Each site will be provided a hard copy version of the attestation, which they may choose to use as a substitute or a back up
- Each site will be requested to provide APS with a copy of their institution's covid health and safety protocols and maintain a point person and quarantine space, should an attendee fall ill during the event

- It is suggested that each site utilize on-site health services to be available, as needed to administer rapid testing OR have information about nearby locations for testing during the event

If you have any questions regarding COVID protocols, please send an email to [women@aps.org](mailto:women@aps.org) and we will respond or connect you with the appropriate resource.