

## Safety + COVID:

- The conference will follow [COVID protocols](#) established by the University of Arizona
- Planners and Department of Hydrology & Atmospheric Sciences leadership are working to ensure the safety of the event. Contact us with any questions / concerns: [clcastro@arizona.edu](mailto:clcastro@arizona.edu), [ermasan@arizona.edu](mailto:ermasan@arizona.edu), and/or [has.student.symposium@gmail.com](mailto:has.student.symposium@gmail.com)

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 at the University of Arizona, check the dedicated COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/>

Specific information, accessed March 13th, is available below.

- Vaccine: <https://hr.arizona.edu/content/employee-covid-19-vaccine-requirement>

*Due to an injunction issued by a federal court, the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force is not currently enforcing the federal contractor vaccine requirement. At this time, and consistent with Task Force guidance, the University will similarly not enforce the federal contractor vaccine requirement. We continue to strongly encourage employees to get vaccinated and verify their vaccination status.*

*Updated Jan. 5th – 2:45pm*

- Face Coverings: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/face-coverings>

*Based on current health conditions and aligned with CDC guidance as well as our commitment to deliver in-person learning at the University of Arizona, we will require that surgical masks or higher-grade masks be worn:*

*In all indoor spaces where it is not possible to adequately and continuously maintain social distance, in accordance with the posted signage.*

*In any building/facility that is operated by or affiliated with the University where patients or human research subjects participating in clinical research are seen in person.*

*In locations where personal protective equipment (including masks) has always been required to maintain safety protocols for situations with high hazards, such as areas where regulated chemicals are used or stored and other laboratory settings.*

*Inside a Cat Tran shuttle or any other public transportation provided by the University.*

*Surgical masks are three-ply disposable masks. Higher grade masks include KN95 or KF94 masks. N95/N99 masks are acceptable for those who are authorized to wear them by the University's Respiratory Protection Program. Use of an N95/N99 requires hazard assessment, medical clearance, training, and fit testing. Per CDC guidance, masks of any grade with exhalation valves are not allowed.*

*The University will provide surgical masks in building front entrances, classrooms, and large sites, such as McKale Center and Centennial Hall. Surgical and KN95 masks will also be provided upon request. Please call the Facilities Management Work Control Desk at 520-621-3000 or contact your building manager.*

*Cloth masks alone will no longer meet the face covering requirement, although they may be worn over a surgical mask to enhance fit. These requirements apply to all faculty, staff, students, designated campus colleagues and visitors to the University of Arizona campuses or locations.*

*Please review the current CDC guidance on the use of masks and watch this helpful video to improve the fit of your mask.*

*Updated January 11, 2022*