

Regeneron ISEF 2023 COVID-19 Policy

Society for Science is working with an epidemiologist and following the latest guidelines to determine the COVID-19 policy at Regeneron ISEF 2023. Regeneron ISEF 2023 attendees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Details about our vaccination policy are below. Additional COVID-19 policies, including masking, are under consideration. This page will be updated as information is finalized. Implementation of these mitigation measures is critical to maintaining safe operations of events, regardless of the current level of COVID-19 community transmission.

COVID-19 Vaccination

- All attendees must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend Regeneron ISEF 2023. Vaccines must be FDA or US Department of State approved, and the last dose in the series must have been received no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of Regeneron ISEF. Boosters are recommended, but not required.
- Attendees will be required to provide proof of vaccination prior to arrival and onsite when requested.

Regeneron ISEF 2023 Safety Protocols

- Attendees must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival and each morning before leaving their hotel rooms.
 - Symptoms of COVID-19 include: Fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit) 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, abdominal pain or stomachache, poor appetite, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - Severe symptoms include shortness of breath, persistent pain or chest pressure, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, and pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, and nail beds.

Healthy Practices

To limit potential spread of viruses, all attendees must agree to follow these common practices:

- Hand washing:

- Attendees should perform frequent hand hygiene with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. (Please note that hand sanitizer may not be as effective on dirty or greasy hands, and washing with soap and water is always better than hand sanitizer.)
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth and nose with unwashed hands.
- Please wash your hands at the following key moments:
 - Before eating food
 - After using the toilet
 - Before and after putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings or masks
 - Before touching your face
 - After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
 - After touching someone else's belongings
 - Before and after group activities
 - After touching a door or doorknob
- Avoid touching your faces, eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.
- Coughs and sneezes: Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or your shirt.
- Masks:
 - To be effective, masks must be worn correctly. Masks should consist of 2-3 layers of tightly woven fabric, completely cover the nose and mouth, and fit snugly against the sides of the face.
 - Any attendee who wishes to wear a mask at any time may do so.
 - Handle face masks by the ear loops, not the face part of the mask itself.
- Shared equipment:
 - Society for Science will avoid providing attendees with shared equipment whenever possible. When needed, staff will disinfect shared equipment between uses.
- Social Distancing:
 - Attendees should maintain 6 feet of distance between them whenever possible.
 - Attendees are encouraged not to shake hands or hug. Instead, the Society recommends using a distanced elbow bump as appropriate.