

COVID POLICY: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMIT

AS GUIDELINES CHANGE, THE BELOW LISTED PROTOCOLS WILL BE UPDATED.
THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

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VACCINATION ATTESTATION and TESTING

Regardless of vaccination status, all attendees* must fill out the [Certification of Vaccination form](#) attesting to their status and bring it with them to the registration desk prior to entry into the event. This form must be kept with you during the event. You will be asked to show this form as part of your in-person participation in a Federally-hosted meeting, event, or conference.

NOTE: In-person attendees who **are not fully vaccinated or decline to provide information about their vaccination status must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three calendar days of entering the facility** and follow all listed on-site COVID-19 protocols.

1. Allowable testing is: FDA-authorized COVID-19 viral test (such as PCR or antigen) taken within three calendar days of entering the facility. Documentation must list the following: full name of attendee, the sample collection and testing procedures, date of the testing (3 days prior to event), and confirmation of the test result.

MASK GUIDANCE

Currently, **all in-person attendees must wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status. This requirement applies to areas that are experiencing high or substantial COVID-19 transmission.**

Masking requirements may change for fully vaccinated individuals if transmission rates in the area decline to moderate or low levels, per CDC guidance. However, **face masks must be worn, regardless of transmission rates, for all non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals** who have completed the negative testing requirement for attendance.

As of February 14th, 2022, Arlington County, Virginia is a **HIGH TRANSMISSION** Region. You can see the most up to date status by selecting "Arlington" from the "Region or Locality" dropdown menu on the Virginia Dept. of Health [website](#). Acceptable and unacceptable face masks are [defined by the CDC](#) and the Department of Commerce will adjust policy as necessary based on additional guidance.

** This does not apply to NOAA staff and contractors who have previously attested to being fully vaccinated.*

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

Current CDC social distancing protocols are in effect throughout the Westin Crystal City. All attendees are asked to be mindful and maintain proper social distancing throughout the event.

DUTY TO SELF-MONITOR:

Prior to the Summit: Recognizing that COVID infection is often consistent with cold-like symptoms, anyone who starts to feel ill or sick leading up to the Summit should avoid attending the event.

During/Post Summit: Participants and volunteers agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (again, symptoms typically include cold-like symptoms, fever, cough, and shortness of breath, etc.) during this event and contact event planners at RecFishSummitInfo@asmfc.org if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 3 days after participating or volunteering with this event.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK:

Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, event planners/hosts have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, event planners/hosts cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19.

By attending this event, you acknowledge and understand that participation includes possible exposure to, and illness from, infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist.

If you recently tested positive for COVID-19, ensure that you are outside the timeline of [CDC recommended quarantine/testing](#) prior to attending.

NOAA does not administer or provide COVID-19 testing services for visitors, assist with quarantine procedures for visitors, or provide sanitizing supplies or face masks. Testing is available around the event site. You can see locations [here](#). Zip code is: 22202.

There will be an option to view the plenary sessions of this event in a virtual setting, but full remote participation is not available. Plenary sessions will be streamed live; visit the [Summit Event page](#) for more information.