

COVID POLICY: NATIONAL RECREATIONAL FISHING SUMMIT

AS GUIDELINES CHANGE, THE BELOW LISTED PROTOCOLS WILL BE UPDATED.

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As of March 25th, 2022: Arlington, VA is designated a LOW Community Level by the CDC.

Registered participants/attendees **DO NOT** have to provide the Certification of Vaccination Form in order to attend the event, as long as the region remains in a LOW status. This policy will change if the Community Level changes to MEDIUM or HIGH.

There are currently **no** mask mandates, regardless of vaccination status. People can wear a mask based on personal preference, informed by personal level of risk.

Any further changes will be updated to participants/attendees via email correspondence or in-person event announcements. The conference organizers will continue adherence to all federal, state, and county guidelines.

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 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.