



## **COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN FOR SHOWS**

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The SPPA Show of the South will be conducted in compliance with all Federal, State and local laws and requirements with respect to COVID-19. We urge all persons who plan on attending to become familiar with the Safety Plan. These rules are subject to change or modification.

The CDC currently recommends that individuals wear a mask in public indoor settings regardless of whether they've been vaccinated. It is not mandatory that attendees or exhibitors wear a mask, but it is recommended. Exhibitors are asked to wear a mask when speaking with attendees who are wearing a mask.

### **SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:**

- The floor plan for the show will be designed to allow plenty of space for social distancing.
- There will be multiple hand sanitizer stations throughout the show. Attendees should sanitize their hands each time they leave an exhibitor's booth after touching products.
- Masks are encouraged but optional for all exhibitors and attendees.
- Exhibitors should wear a mask when speaking with attendees who are wearing a mask.
- Only one person or group from the same company should be in a booth at one time. If someone else is already in a booth, please wait your turn and be respectful of social distancing.
- Pre-event emails and messaging will remind people to stay at home if they're sick or exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19.
- We recommend keeping handshaking to a minimum. Fist bumps are good, elbow bumps are even better.
- In order to alleviate lines at the registration desk, attendees are strongly encouraged to pre-register.
- Signage to promote social distancing will be utilized throughout the show.
- Signage will be posted regarding all applicable federal, state and local regulations, requirements and orders as well as CDC guidelines as they relate to mass gatherings.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to use disinfectant wipes on products that are touched frequently.
- SPPA will notify attendees via email if we become aware of any individual who was present at the show and tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the show.

### **ACCESS TO THE SHOW:**

- Only individuals who have been invited and have registered may attend the show. This show is not open to the general public.
- Anyone with a temperature of 99.5° F or higher may not enter the facility. All attendees are asked to check their temperature prior to entering.
- Anyone who:
  - exhibits COVID-19 symptoms,
  - has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks, or
  - has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks\*

cannot enter the facility.

*\*Exception: Healthcare personnel who have treated patients using appropriate medical-grade PPE during the course of performing professional duties are exempted from this restriction.*

### **COVID-19 WARNING**

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures to help ensure a safe environment for our guests and staff. Please follow all posted instructions while attending the show.

Per the [CDC](#): “Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. There is no way to ensure zero risk of infection. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. If you decide to engage in public activities, continue to protect yourself by [practicing everyday preventive actions](#).” Additionally, the CDC states that, “older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.”

By attending the show, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.