



2022 MNFEA CONFERENCE

COVID-19 Protection Protocols

Below are the initial guidelines MNFEA is committed to in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to safely execute the 2022 in-person conference. These guidelines will continue to be updated with the State of Minnesota and Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. Final protocols will be sent to all registrants ahead of the Conference in March.

Registration

All guests will register online as there will be limited onsite registration. Guests may switch registration type without additional charges (in-person or virtual) or penalty until March 1st. Should future state guidelines prevent in-person opportunities, all attendees will be converted to virtual registrations.

Onsite Check-in

Masks and social distancing are recommended but not required at this time. A self-serve name tag station will be set up for in-person attendees.

Daily Temperature Check

MNFEA may run daily temperature checks on attendees using a temporal, no-contact thermometer. In this case, attendees must have a temperature reading below 100.4 degrees to gain entry. Anyone with a temperature above 100.4 will be expected to leave the site and attend virtually. Each day, attendees will be given a new confirmation sticker to add to their name tags as approval to attend sessions.

In-Person Sessions

Masks will be required at all times by presenters until they are at the podium. All seats will be socially distanced at a minimum of 6' apart. Podium and/or panelists will be a minimum of 10' from all guests. Microphones, podium, computers and any other shared equipment will be sanitized following each speaker/session. Minimum of 10 minutes between each session to allow for socially-distanced movement to/from restrooms, entrance and exit. Hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the venue. Entrance and exit doors will be clearly marked for one-way entry/exit to limit face-to-face guest interaction.

Sponsor/Vendor Tables

Exhibit tables will be a minimum of 6' apart. Masks are required for staff working at tables. Sponsor/vendors should limit giveaways and will be expected to sanitize their tables and surfaces regularly.

Meals

Provided by the Mayo Civic Center and adhering to COVID servsafe guidelines. Masks and social distancing will be required. When seated, masks may be temporarily removed to eat or drink.

Hospitality Suite

Masks and social distancing will be required in the hospitality suite. When seated, masks may be temporarily removed to eat or drink. When standing or moving around the suite, masks and social distancing will be required. Maximum occupancy will be determined by hotel COVID guidelines. Hospitality suite will be available Wednesday and Thursday from 9 p.m.- midnight.