



## COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

All registered participants, attendees, and vendors of the 2022 NAfME National Conference in National Harbor, Maryland are required to be current in their vaccinations against COVID-19\*, as defined below, unless they are determined to be eligible for an exemption.\*\*

This policy applies to all NAfME events and includes the NAfME Biennial Music and Research and Teacher Education Conference, the NAfME National PreK-12 Conference, and the NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles. This policy is being implemented for the safety and welfare of our attendees and based on guidance and recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities.

Verification of proof of vaccination will be handled through a third-party vendor utilizing a secure application for uploading and confirmation of vaccination. NAfME will not retain or store any vaccination related information. Attendees will not be able to check-in and receive their badge without having submitted proof of their vaccination status as directed by NAfME prior to arrival at the event.

All in person attendees will be required to adhere to NAfME COVID-19 safety protocols in effect at the time of the event. You will be notified of these protocols in advance of the event. Consistent with CDC guidance, NAfME will take into consideration local health conditions in setting its COVID-19 safety protocols. Further, NAfME reserves the right, at any time, to change or modify the required safety protocols in order to provide attendees, in its judgment, with a safe meeting environment. Failure of any attendee to comply with this policy and all applicable safety protocols, may result the attendee being removed, or denied entry, to the 2022 NAfME National Conference.

NAfME will communicate safety protocols prior to the Conference, e.g., masking, social distancing, etc. All participants must follow safety protocols and directive. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of our efforts to create a safe experience for everyone.

\*For purposes of this policy, an individual is current with their COVID-19 vaccinations where they have received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible, at least 14 days prior to the event. Please see the CDC website for additional information.

\*\*Exemption from the vaccination requirements will be provided where the attendee medical condition or disability for which vaccination is medically contraindicated, or where vaccination is contrary to a sincerely held religious belief, practice or observance. **To request an exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination requirement due to a disability or medical condition, or on account of a sincerely held religious belief, practice, or observance, please contact [memberservices@nafme.org](mailto:memberservices@nafme.org) to request the required accommodation form.** The form will need to be completed and submitted to NAfME for review

and approval before an accommodation may be considered granted. Individuals who are granted an exemption, and who wish to attend an event in person, will be required to provide proof electronically that they have tested negative for COVID-19 via a PCR COVID-19 test no more than 48 hours prior to arrival at the Gaylord. Attendees will be responsible for arranging and paying for any such tests. In addition, attendees who receive an exemption from the vaccination requirement will be required to submit to a COVID-19 rapid test onsite for each subsequent day they are in attendance. You will be notified of these protocols and further details in advance of the event.