

National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association

FY 2025 NFPRHA Event Health and Safety Attendee Guidelines

Background on NFPRHA's Health and Safety Attendee Guidelines

NFPRHA recognizes that people of color, people with disabilities, and people who are immunocompromised in the United States carry a disproportionate burden of COVID; this inequity is caused by systemic racism and social and structural determinants of health.¹ With awareness of this fact and in support of our public health system, NFPRHA is committed to holding a safe event that is inclusive of and for all attendees.

NFPRHA acknowledges that while it is not possible to prevent exposure to all environmental risks, and in particular COVID transmission, its goal is to ensure that all attendees feel safe participating in its in-person events. These guidelines, informed by feedback from NFPRHA meeting attendees, reflect what NFPRHA deems necessary to provide a safe and inclusive environment for its in-person event attendees. NFPRHA may change, update, or add to these requirements as it deems prudent to best protect the health and safety of attendees, and attendees must comply with relevant policies and requirements as shared by NFPRHA.

The following measures are in place for attendees of NFPRHA's in-person events taking place during the association's fiscal year 2025 (July 2024 – June 2025):

When completing the online registration form:

- Each attendee must attest that they have received COVID vaccination(s).
- If an attendee has not received COVID vaccination(s), they must attest that they will self-administer an at-home COVID antigen test within 72 hours of traveling to the meeting city AND only travel if they receive a negative result.

When arriving onsite in the event, all attendees will be required to:

- Take a COVID rapid antigen test with *EventScan*, NFPRHA's designated vendor for administering the tests onsite. Please see meeting-specific communication for more details about the testing schedule.
- To participate in the event, attendees must receive a negative COVID test result during the onsite testing with *EventScan*.
- Once an attendee has received a negative COVID test result from *EventScan*, they may proceed to complete the onsite registration process.

¹ Britt, AJ, Carlson, NS, Joseph, NT, Dunn, AB. "The Convergence of COVID-19 and Systemic Racism: An Evaluation of Current Evidence, Health System Changes, and Solutions Grounded in Reproductive Justice," May 2021, Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health, National Library of Medicine, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9014468>.

Additional Expectations

Attendees will be expected to take common actions to reduce the risk of COVID transmission and to behave responsibly, including leaving the event area (meeting rooms, exhibit hall, other areas), in the case of notification of an exposure to a COVID case or if they begin to experience symptoms. In such a case, attendees should seek appropriate medical attention, including a COVID test, and must immediately inform NFPRHA staff should a COVID test be positive during the conference or in the 14 days following the event.

NFPRHA also recommends, but is not requiring, that National Conference attendees:

- Regardless of vaccination status, self-administer an at-home COVID antigen test within 72 hours of traveling to the meeting city, AND only travel if they receive a negative result.
- Wear masks while participating in event activities that take place indoors.

If you have any questions about the health and safety attendee guidelines, or if you have recently recovered from COVID, please contact Illysa Schrager, Senior Director, Executive Office, at ischrager@nfprha.org.