



National Environmental Monitoring Conference 2021

Safety and Hygiene Protocols

These protocols are effective beginning July 31, 2021 and are subject to change as U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local guidelines evolve.

Our Commitment

The health and safety of our attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors are top priority at the Environmental Measurement Symposium. In an effort to maintain the health and well-being of our participants at the event, we are committed to following the guidelines put in place by the [CDC](#), the [U.S. Travel Association](#) and at the city and state levels. Some state and city protocols follow more strict guidelines than the CDC and will be followed accordingly.

On July 27, 2021, CDC added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of [substantial or high transmission](#) to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others. The [COVID-19 Integrated County View](#) shows the Level of Community Transmission in King County, Washington state as Substantial. This is based on the current (July 24) 7-day average of 120 new cases and a 3.2 % positivity rate as compared to the <50 new cases and < 8% positivity rate required to move down to the Moderate level. We will continue to monitor the King county data and will provide an update on August 1.

Please refer to CDC's [Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#) and [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) for more information.

We recognize that many people within our community may continue to feel more comfortable wearing a mask and we welcome this and ask for kindness and respect toward others with differing viewpoints.

Environmental Measurement Symposium (EMS) COVID-19 Protocols

Pre-Event

- Attendees are encouraged to check their temperatures before arriving at the event, and if they have a fever, are asked not to attend.
- Attendees are encouraged not to attend if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

At the Hotel, [Hyatt's Global Care & Cleanliness Commitment](#)

- The Hyatt Regency Bellevue has instituted a mask required policy for ALL employees, regardless of vaccination status, and requests that all guests wear masks while in public spaces within the hotel. King County is at 67 cases/100,000 which is marginally above the 50/100,000 required by the CDC to move to the Moderate status which would not require masks for individuals. King county is currently at a 3.0% infection rate, well below the 8% threshold set by the CDC.
- The Hyatt Regency Bellevue is a [GBAC STAR™ Accredited Facility](#) certifying that they are implementing the industry's highest standards for cleaning and disinfection of infectious agents like the novel coronavirus.
- A designated Hygiene Manager ensures the hotel adheres to new operational guidance and protocols.
- Staff has been educated to ensure usage of CDC approved peroxide chemical cleaner to continually wipe down all contact areas.
- Hand sanitizer stations are prominently placed and increased throughout the hotel's entrances and public spaces and employee areas.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has been purchased for staff to use while cleaning rooms and public spaces, as well as when serving our guests and event attendees.
- Glass partitions around the hotel have been installed.
- Touchless check-in and check-out and use of mobile keyless entry for guest rooms is encouraged. Download the World of Hyatt app (membership free) to use these features as well as to access to the meditation app Headspace.
- Public seating areas are arranged for proper distancing.
- Contactless room deliveries for guest requests will be used.
- High touch items such as drinking glasses and reading materials have been replaced with single use compostable or recyclable products.
- All hotel rooms HVAC systems are equipped with UV-C technologies that is known to kill bacteria in the area and inactivate the SARS-Coronavirus.
- At Hyatt Regency Bellevue, should anyone exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, the hotel staff will safely relocate these individuals to a place where they may receive appropriate medical attention.

During the Event

- All unvaccinated attendees should wear face masks or coverings over their mouth and nose in meeting spaces.

In the Session Room and Exhibit Hall

- Sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the event space.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed at each podium for speakers to use before and after their presentations.