

# 2022 Safety First Commitment

## Frequently Asked Questions



### CLEANING & HYGIENE

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**Q.** Will there be sanitization stations on the exhibit floor?

**A.** Yes, SME, in cooperation with each facility, will provide fixed hand sanitizer stations throughout all common spaces, including exhibit floors, meeting spaces and high-traffic areas.

**Q.** Will there be established cleaning procedures?

**A.** Yes, every facility will be certified by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC) or provide comparable health and safety protocols.

- Each facility will be deep cleaned prior to setup and again before the event begins.
- Building intake and air change rates will increase during occupied event hours, and HVAC air filters will be replaced with MERV-13 or equivalent filters.
- Continuous, daily cleaning of high-touch areas such as door handles, restrooms, and food and beverage areas will be conducted.
- Exhibitors will be asked to frequently disinfect their products, displays and high-touch areas.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

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**Q.** Will face masks be required?

**A.** Face masks are optional in most facilities. SME is not requiring masks and the decision to wear one is an individual decision.

**Q.** Will face masks be provided on-site?

**A.** Yes, face masks will be provided if needed.

**Q.** Will I need to provide proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test?

**A.** No, we will not require proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test to participate in SME events.

**Q.** Will proof of vaccination be required?

**A.** No, we will not require proof of vaccination to participate in SME events.



## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

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**Q.** What physical distancing standards will be put in place?

**A.** SME events will be guided by the facility or national and local health authorities.

- Health and safety signage will be posted throughout the exhibit halls.
- Exhibit hall floor plans may include wider aisles.

**Q.** How many people will be allowed in the building?

**A.** SME will follow guidelines for indoor gatherings based on the policies of each city and/or facility.

## EXHIBIT HALL & EXHIBIT BOOTH CAPACITIES

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**Q.** Will there be a limit on the number of people allowed in a booth at one time?

**A.** No, however exhibitors are encouraged to space out their lounge areas and provide open spaces within the booth space.

## FIRST AID

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**Q.** Will first-aid services be available?

**A.** Yes, qualified first-aid staff will be on-site, and a separate quarantine area will be available if needed. If you are feeling ill prior to the event, please do not attend. If you begin to feel ill on-site, please return home safely or seek medical attention.

## CONFERENCE & MEETING ROOMS

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**Q.** How will seating be determined for conference sessions?

**A.** Reduced seating capacities may be implemented according to the facility's mandate and physical distancing guidelines.

**Q.** Do I have to pre-register for conference sessions?

**A.** No, you can register for conference session on-site based on availability. However, registration is required for all in-person sessions. Credentials will be scanned prior to entering meeting rooms.

**Q.** Will cleaning protocols be in place for conference rooms?

**A.** Yes, high-touch areas such as podiums, mics, mic stands, table surfaces and chair arms will be cleaned between sessions and between speakers as applicable.

**Q.** Will there be virtual alternatives for attending conference sessions, panels and keynotes?

**A.** Yes, select keynotes and special presentations will be livestreamed and accessible from internet-enabled devices (laptops, mobile phones, tablets, etc.). Please refer to individual event websites for more information.

