

Covid policy F 2022

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Dear colleagues,

As we approach the October 23-25 ES-SSA meeting, we recognize that COVID-19 is still with us and we are anticipating an active flu season. The web site <https://www.usf.edu/coronavirus/> provides the best source for the latest information about COVID-19 regulations at USF as USF will be updating it regularly.

1. We encourage attendees to be vaccinated (and boosted where recommended).
2. Testing is available and encouraged whenever symptoms appear or you believe you have been exposed.
3. Anyone testing positive or exhibiting symptoms should stay home (hotel) and seek medical advice. Attendees may contact USF Health Services (813-974-2331). We follow CDC isolation guidance for those testing positive for COVID, those experiencing symptoms, and those exposed to COVID (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>). Note that at this time, CDC does not recommend isolation (quarantine) for people who have been exposed but who have no symptoms and test negative. Persons testing positive, whether they have symptoms or not, and people with symptoms, whether they test positive or not, should stay home (hotel) for the recommended isolation period.
4. Masks can be worn or not; we must respect the choices each of us makes to wear a mask or not.
5. Speakers should have contingency plans to cover their presentations if they become ill and need to isolate.

Attendees should not attend sessions if they are ill, particularly if they have fever and/or gastrointestinal symptoms and/or respiratory symptoms such as a sneezing, runny nose, sore throat or coughing. Attendees experiencing any of these symptoms should contact USF Health Services immediately (813-974-2331) for appropriate medical guidance.

Sincerely,
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