



Standards of Care

COVID-19 Safety Precautions

We are excited to welcome our attendees and guests to ASHT's 2021 Hybrid Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO, October 7-10. The ASHT Board of Directors asks for your help to ensure the safety of all participants at this event, which will be operated consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), state, local and venue guidance and restrictions related to COVID-19.

Please see the ASHT 2021 Hybrid Annual Meeting expectations of participation:

- **Vaccination:** ASHT recommends and encourages all attendees be fully vaccinated to protect themselves and others from COVID-19.
- **Personal responsibility & Self Screening:** Attendees will not be required to formally attest that they do not have symptoms; however, they are asked to self-screen daily using guidelines provided by the CDC or the CDC Coronavirus Self-Checker available on [the ASHT COVID-19 Webpage and conference app](#). If an attendee experiences symptoms, or they were exposed to COVID-19, they are asked to get tested and remain in their hotel guestroom room. Please err on the side of caution and remain in your hotel guestroom to view the live stream plenary and scientific sessions if you're not feeling well.
- **Local Testing:** It is at the discretion of an attendee or guest to get a COVID-19 test if they feel it deemed necessary or choose to do so. The Downtown St. Louis Urgent Care is open 24 hours a day located at 916 Olive Street Saint Louis, MO 63101 located 0.2 miles from the Marriott St. Louis Grand. An appointment to get a COVID-19 test is not required and walk-ins are welcome. The Downtown St. Louis Urgent Care offers [pre-registration](#) online that might save you a little time filling out a form in the waiting room. Please visit the Downtown Urgent Care website for more information: <https://www.247uc.com/covid.html>.
- **Reporting Positive Tests:** Attendees who develop symptoms that could be COVID-19, or test positive for COVID-19, should immediately remove themselves from participation in our event for the remainder of the conference and seek the necessary medical attention. Please notify ASHT staff (sthibeault@asht.org) should you test positive for COVID-19 during the event. Your identity will remain confidential, but this will enable our contact tracing procedures, so we can notify those who participated in the same events about the positive test. You will be asked to identify any individuals with whom you were in close contact.
- **Masks:** Regardless of vaccination status, masks will be required for all indoor events, except when speaking at a microphone as part of event proceedings or when in the act of eating or drinking.

In addition to the above, ASHT will take the following actions:

- Contact tracing: ASHT is required to provide participant lists to all our venues. Participants are expected to report any positive tests so we can perform contact tracing, if necessary.
- Capacity: In-person registration is capped at 400 attendees.
- Contactless registration and no onsite registration. Only pre-registered attendees will be permitted entrance.
- Food and drink: Food and beverage activities will also be provided in a contactless manner (i.e. attendant serviced stations, no self-serve buffets, pre-packaged silverware). Guests may remove masks while eating or drinking.
- Complimentary masks and individual Purrell® hand sanitizers: ASHT branded cloth masks and individual Purrell® Hand Sanitizer will be included in the attendee tote bag available at event registration. In addition, extra cloth masks will be available upon request.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the conference and common areas.
- Larger aisles with dedicated directional travel lanes in the conference area. This will control the traffic pattern and over-crowding in certain areas.
- Conference sessions will be set up to allow for 3-foot space between chairs. Rearranging of seating is prohibited.
- Room cleaning between sessions
- This is a handshake-free zone and social distancing requirements are in effect.

What You Can Expect from the Marriott St. Louis Grand:

- See [Marriott's Commitment to Clean](#).
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection, particularly in areas with high traffic including restrooms, elevators and escalators, as well as providing hand sanitizing stations
- Surfaces are treated with hospital-grade disinfectants and this cleaning is done with increased frequency.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you, and we thank you for your critical partnership to enable everyone to have a healthy experience.