2022 Safety First Commitment

Frequently Asked Questions

CLEANING & HYGIENE

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

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.

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PHYSICAL DISTANCING

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

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

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

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.