

ACBO SAFETY PROTOCOLS / COVID-19 UPDATE

We know some of you have concerns about the Delta variant and risks involved in travel and attendance in person. We want all of you to know, **we hear you**. We are listening. **We are constantly evaluating all-things-safety around being in person in the San Diego area. We are exploring every possible option to deliver the best, safest possible experience for all of our attendees and in a manner that is financially feasible for the organization.** As such, below are a few updates. Further updates will be provided when and as needed.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, and the state experiences a surge in cases, we have decided to update our requirements for those attending the conference. **We will be requiring face masks for ALL attendees, regardless of vaccine status, while indoors and not actively eating or drinking.** This is in line with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local health authorities.

Additionally, we plan for **maximum distancing** (space allowing) in the meeting, exhibit, reception and registration areas (i.e. 5-6 per banquet round instead of ten and tables spaced further apart) and were able to secure additional space from the hotel in order to make that happen. **Conference check-in will be one stop / one touch** with registration items contained and handed to each registrant all at once and **hand sanitizer stations** will be everywhere! Our conference location also offers **multiple opportunities to be outdoors** and in the fresh air.

In the end, each of us absolutely must make the decisions that are best for ourselves and our health and safety but also know we are working to provide you the safest options for the in person experience we're all craving.