



2022 ARD Research Symposium COVID Policy

COVID-19 Safety Acknowledgment – Liability Waiver and Release of Claims

ARD will follow all relevant protocols and CDC guidelines provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health. ARD has also worked closely with the Atlanta Marriott Marquis to comply with their protocols to ensure all participants have the added confidence of industry leading hygiene practices created to keep us safe.

As such, the Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD) has put in place precautionary measures aimed at preventing and reducing the spread of COVID-19 among attendees of the 2022 Research Symposium; however, ARD cannot guarantee that you (or those you come in close contact with) will not become infected with COVID-19 during the Symposium.

While participating in this Symposium, social distancing must be practiced, and face coverings worn at all times to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19. Because COVID-19 is contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, ARD has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

1. Verification of full COVID Vaccination is required. This verification must be uploaded to the *ShareMy.Health* online portal no later than March 28, 2022.
 - The second injection must be greater than 2 weeks to be considered fully vaccinated (**participant's final dose should reflect March 19, 2022**).
 - Booster doses are highly recommended and should be uploaded to the *ShareMy.Health* online portal as stated above.
2. If you **do not** have the booster or have a valid medical exemption and cannot take the COVID-19 vaccine, you will be allowed to attend the conference. You must have 3 negative antigen tests or a negative PCR test 72 hours prior to your arrival at the symposium (**most campuses provide this service free to faculty, staff and students; at home tests will not be accepted**).
 - a. Your medical exemption and test results must be uploaded to the *ShareMy.Health* online portal no later than March 28, 2022.
3. You must have test results uploaded and verified prior to receiving your conference registration materials.
4. Please bring a paper copy of test results as a back-up.

5. A Liability Waiver and Release of Claims Form (Form) is included in the *ShareMy.Health* portal. All participants will have to click on “ACCEPT” after reviewing this Form to attend the Symposium no later than March 28, 2022.
6. All attendees must pass a daily temperature check when entering the meeting rooms where ARD activities are being held.
7. All participants should self-monitor for signs and symptoms for COVID-19 while attending the Symposium. An electronic form will be sent to you every morning from the *ShareMy.Health* portal.
8. If you experience any COVID-19 symptoms during the Symposium, please ***do not*** attend any sessions or ARD sponsored activities.
9. Please come to the sessions/events early and bring your patience along with your daily pass from *ShareMy.Health*. You will be provided with a daily ribbon to attach to your name badge.
10. We are recommending no more than two persons per sleeping room in the hotel.

Pursuant to the preceding, ARD cannot and does not guarantee that its attendees, guests, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. We anticipate that each attendee understands that there is implied risk when gathering in large groups, in accordance with the guidelines set by the CDC.

As the state of medical knowledge is ever evolving, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should ***not*** participate in the Symposium,

1. Individuals who feel sick in any way or individuals who feel at significant or greater risk of more serious illness if they contract COVID-19;
2. In addition to above, individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath among others; and
3. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19:
 - a. Have been diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - b. Have not been cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities; or,
 - c. The health care team responsible for their treatment.

As a Symposium attendee, you have a duty to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and contact Alton Thompson, ARD’s Executive Director, (Phone: 336-404-0486 or Email: athompson1@ncat.edu) if you experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating in the Symposium.