

SCC/MLA Health and Safety Policy for the 2022 Annual Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you in Houston for the 2022 SCC/MLA Annual Meeting from September 22 – 27, 2022! To ensure the safety of all meeting attendees, exhibitors, and staff, SCC/MLA in-person attendance will require up to date vaccination status as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>.

You are **up to date** with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.

Please be respectful of people using masks and of people not using masks.

Masks are strongly encouraged for all SCC/MLA Annual Meeting events, except when actively eating or drinking. This includes during social events, presentations, and exhibits hall. While social distancing is no longer required by the CDC guidelines, please note that tabled events will have seating limitations of six chairs instead of eight or ten.

We request that attendees will agree to the following:

- I will not attend the Annual meeting if I have knowingly been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19 within the fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting or if I am experiencing or have experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- I will notify SCC/MLA at southcentralmla@gmail.com if I experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 at any time during the Annual Meeting or within 14 days after participating in the Event. Please note, this information will be held strictly confidential. It will only be used to inform other Event attendees of the possibility of exposure (and such notice will not include your name).

We request that you will understand:

- Traveling to and attending the Annual Meeting could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19.
- SCC/MLA is not responsible for the Venue's COVID-19 mitigation efforts (or lack thereof) or any negligence by the Venue or its staff relative to such precautions.

When registering, you will be asked to indicate your agreement to the following:

- I attest that I will be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by the time the meeting begins on September 22, 2022; or, if I have not been fully vaccinated for COVID-19, that I will wear

a mask at all times except when actively eating or drinking. I am aware that mask wearing is encouraged for all meeting attendees.