# Information about AMTE'S Plans and Policies for a Healthy and Productive Event

January 12, 2022

AMTE is committed to holding a successful in-person meeting this February in Henderson, NV. By registering for the in-person conference, you agree to adhere to all event protocols for health and safety. A limited virtual option is available to anyone who is uncomfortable with the risks associated with an in-person conference. Failure to adhere to the AMTE policies will result in cancellation of your registration without refund.

### Safe Entry Protocols

To ensure the safety of all attendees, AMTE requires all participants to be vaccinated or to commit to only attending if they receive a negative coronavirus test within 72 hours of the event. Agreement to this policy is on the in-person confirmation form that was distributed on January 12, 2022.

AMTE will not be providing coronavirus testing onsite, but we encourage participants to pack a COVID-19 test or plan isolation if symptoms occur. Information about testing locations in <u>Clark</u> <u>County</u> is available to support visitors who may need this service.

### Masks

- All attendees and hotel staff will be required to wear masks within the conference areas, except • when seated for meals. A to-go option for meals will be available for those who are uncomfortable eating with others.
- During scheduled conference sessions, all presenters should continue to wear their masks. •

Have two or more layers of washable,

Completely cover your nose and

Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

breathable fabric

mouth

Masks should follow <u>CDC guidance</u> and be worn properly covering both the nose and mouth.

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### DO NOT choose masks that



- Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl
- Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape

Are specially labeled "surgical" N95 respirators, as those should be prioritized for healthcare personnel

### Food and Beverages

- Food and beverages service will be in an area where only people wearing masks are allowed.
- All food may be eaten outside or taken to hotel rooms and disposable to-go options will be available at the service line.
- Tables and chairs will be spaced to allow for some level of social distancing during meals; these will be disinfected on a regular basis.
- There are outdoor areas at the resort where meals can be eaten.
- In the dining hall, space between tables has been increased (by reducing the number of tables by 25%) and space at each table has been increased (by reducing the number of chairs at each table from 10 to 8).

### Social Distancing

Stickers will be used for participants to indicate their level of comfort with proximity to others. Avoid physical contact, including hugs and handshakes, until you know the comfort level of the person you are interacting with. If there is a session you would like to attend, but it is full (or more full than your comfort level allows), you may participate virtually or choose another session.

To assist with communicating individual levels of comfort, attendees will be asked to place a sticker on their name badge using the following guidelines.



### Skilled Staff

- Additionally, all hotel employees are required to participate in a daily health and wellness certification that includes checking their temperature prior to reporting to work.
- AMTE volunteers will be available onsite to assist with concerns regarding safety requirements.

### Safety Steps

The Conference area will be equipped with necessary supplies to facilitate hand hygiene and masks are required in the conference area. Attendees who develop any COVID-19 related symptoms are asked to immediately isolate and email <u>executivedirector@amte.net</u>. We will provide the opportunity to continue to attend virtually from your room and have meals brought to you. Attendees who develop symptoms should also follow all applicable CDC and local health authority guidance regarding quarantine times and conditions for ending quarantine.

### **Conference Meeting Area**

- Masks will be required inside the entire conference meeting area, including while presenting a session or poster.
- Signage will be in place to remind attendees and exhibitors of the masking requirement.
- Hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the conference meeting area.
- The conference meeting area will undergo a nightly deep cleaning and increase sanitization of high contact surfaces.

### Hotel

The hotel is committed to using extra COVID-19 safety measures by taking extra precautions in cleaning. They are following the policies outlined for all Hilton hotels at: <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/p/what-to-expect/</u>

### Henderson, NV (the site location)

To access the most current guidelines and information for Henderson and the surrounding areas, you can visit the following sites:

- Link to <u>Clark County</u> Updates
- Link to Las Vegas Coronavirus Update (which is in coordination with Clark County)
- Link to <u>Southern Nevada Health District</u>

## Personal Responsibility

As an attendee, AMTE needs your help to create a safe environment for everyone. We are requesting that only those who are vaccinated and boosted attend the conference or have a negative COVID-19 test reading within 72 hours of the conference beginning. In addition, if you test positive or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conference, please do not attend the conference– we will work with you to change to the virtual conference option or cancel your registration. If you experience symptoms or learn of exposure once you are at the conference location, please notify us at the email below. We will arrange for you to attend virtually from your room and will arrange for meals to be brought to your room. Please view the <u>CDC's Coronavirus Self-Checker</u> to learn more about the COVID-19 virus and potential symptoms of concern. Please email <u>executivedirector@amte.net</u> if you test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event and are unable to attend.

### Transportation to hotel

Attendees are responsible for providing their own transportation to the hotel site. Each ride share option has different safety protocols and participants are encouraged to review protocols before selecting the transportation that they are most comfortable taking. See some examples below with links to their protocols:

- <u>Uber</u>
- <u>Taxis at the LAS airport</u>
- <u>Rental cars at the LAS airport</u>
- Public buses (more information about how to use these will be posted closer to time)
- <u>Super shuttle</u>

### Useful Links

- > <u>Conference Home Page</u>
- > AMTE Membership

### **Contact Information**

For additional questions or comments concerning the 2022 AMTE Conference, please contact president@amte.net