

NAEYC Event Safety During the COVID-19 Global Pandemic

In keeping with the Association's duty to care and our responsibility as an event host, NAEYC is guided by best practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and **will abide by the legal mandates from the state of Ohio and the city of Cleveland at the time of the 2022 Professional Learning Institute ("Event")**.

NAEYC's updated Covid-19 Policy is as follows for the 2022 Professional Learning Institute.

All participants will be required either to:

(1) give proof of their **"Fully Vaccinated"** status before gaining access to the Event site;

OR

(2) give proof of a negative Covid 19 **PCR** Test within 72 hours of the Event. (No antigen tests will be accepted.)

All attendees, presenters, exhibitors, and NAEYC staff are strongly encouraged to meet the CDC statuses of **"Fully Vaccinated"** and **"Up to Date"** with their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The CDC defines **"Fully Vaccinated"** as a person who has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

The CDC defines **"Up to Date"** as a person who has received all recommended doses in the primary series and one booster when eligible.

NAEYC will provide information on how to provide CDC or WHO approved proof of vaccination status and how to upload proof of Covid-19 test results in advance of the Event. **All required proof must be provided by the participant in advance of the participant's Event start date.**

All participants are strongly encouraged to wear masks in all indoor Event settings.

Participants will not attend the Event (or will immediately leave the Event) if they have recently been exposed to Covid-19 or experience symptoms of Covid-19 during or within 10 days of the Event including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

NAEYC will continue to monitor and update safety precautions for our conferences regularly and coordinate with trusted national resources, state and local public health agencies, and the venues hosting our events. NAEYC reserves the right to modify these policies and procedures at any time given the rapidly changing nature of the current global pandemic. NAEYC will provide updates in bold so that participants know when items have been updated.

Date: April 20, 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, WAIVER AND RELEASE -

NAEYC is committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all of our attendees, exhibitors, and staff. However, while vaccinations, negative Covid tests, observance of safety protocols, and exercise of personal discipline may reduce risk, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 does remain in any public place where people are present. Accordingly, you agree to the following:

1. I understand that COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. I acknowledge my own desire and choice to travel to and participate in the 2022 Professional Learning Institute, and I assume responsibility for my own well-being and accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to attend.
2. Specifically, as a condition of NAEYC allowing my participation in this Institute, I assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that I may experience in connection with attending, and I hereby waive, release, covenant not to sue, and hold harmless NAEYC, its affiliates, and their respective employees, agents, contractors, and representatives from any claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.
3. I agree to follow all instructions and safety precautions provided by NAEYC, the event venues, and any governing authorities during my attendance at the Institute including the Event Safety Guidelines listed above. I understand and agree that my failure to do so may result in my being excluded from the Institute without refund, reimbursement, or other remuneration.
4. I understand that the Code of Conduct precludes children under the age of 18 from entering the event space including the exhibit hall and session areas. I assume all risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense of any kind that may arise from allowing any child under the age of 18 in the event space including the exhibit hall and session areas. I hereby waive, release, covenant not to sue, and hold harmless NAEYC, its affiliates, and their respective employees, agents, contractors, and representatives from any claims, liabilities, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto.