

# ONSITE HEALTH AND SAFETY

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All guidelines posted here are subject to change at any time prior to the start of the Rare Diseases and Orphan Products Breakthrough Summit® and are made for the best interest of those living with rare diseases, some of whom may be immunocompromised.

We are excited to welcome you to Washington, DC for the NORD Summit, live on **Monday, October 17 and Tuesday, October 18, 2022.**

## HEALTH AND SAFETY OVERVIEW

Attendees should be aware that while every effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission will be made, it is possible that attendees of the NORD Summit will encounter people in airports, on public transportation, and in other public areas with individuals who could potentially carry the virus.

At this time, **ALL attendees of the NORD Summit must:**

**Be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to arrival in Washington, DC and show their COVID-19 vaccination card when picking up their registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue; OR**  
**Show proof of a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test (taken within 48 hours of arrival to the conference venue) when picking up their registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue.**

If you cannot or choose not to comply with NORD's health and safety protocols, we hope you will transfer your registration to participate in the conference virtually via the conference app or watch session recordings that will be made available following the conference.

**It is mandatory for ALL persons within the meeting and event spaces to wear a face mask covering BOTH their nose and mouth at all times, except while eating during a meal time or when presenting on stage, while indoors.** This includes attendees and all accompanying persons above the age of two (2).

By attending the NORD Summit in person, you are confirming that you:

- Are fully vaccinated (with proof of vaccination) or can show a negative rapid antigen or PCR COVID-19 test (taken within 48 hours of arrival at the conference venue) when picking up your registration badge at NORD registration;
- Are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov);
- Are not under any self-quarantine orders; and
- Acknowledge and will abide by all applicable regulations and health and safety protocols.

## OFFICIAL NATIONAL / STATE GUIDELINES

**Fully vaccinated** means that either three weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of an FDA- or WHO-authorized double-dose COVID-19 vaccine or three weeks have passed since receiving the one dose of an FDA- or WHO-authorized single-dose COVID-19 vaccine.

Booster shots are [strongly recommended by the CDC](#) if it has been more than five (5) months after completing the primary COVID-19 vaccination series.

NORD is committed to maintaining the health and safety of all NORD Summit attendees. The latest [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) guidelines and industry best practices will be followed as closely as possible. NORD will be coordinating with the Marriott Marquis to actively monitor local conditions, risk factors, and any applicable laws, regulations, and guidance.

*As these factors are frequently changing, this page will continue to be updated as new guidance is released.*

## ADDITIONAL NORD GUIDELINES

### Registration

- Please plan to [register](#) well in advance to reserve your spot!
- In-person attendees who plan to show a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test at registration, please bring proof of the negative test result (with the test having been taken within 48 hours of arrival to the conference venue) when picking up your registration badge at the NORD registration desk at the conference venue.
- In-person attendees who plan to show their proof of COVID-19 vaccination, please bring your COVID-19 vaccination card when picking up your registration badge at NORD registration.

### Testing

- NORD is unable to provide resources for on-site COVID-19 testing on arrival, or prior to departure for attendees. Please take your COVID-19 rapid antigen or PCR test 48 hours prior to your arrival at the NORD Summit.
- NORD is not able to provide COVID-19 testing. You are required to make your own arrangements.
- For information on testing locations, contact your state or local government, or your health care provider to determine the options available for testing in your area.

### Venue and Hotel

- The Marriott Marquis will be monitoring and following the CDC, WHO, and local health department's guidelines. Please visit the Marriott Marquis website for detailed information about the steps that Marriott is taking to protect meeting attendees.
- Please note that social distancing guidelines may continue to evolve based on direction from the CDC and the District of Columbia. The Marriott Marquis and NORD are committed to full compliance and safe social distancing in all meeting areas.

## Masks

- At this time, the wearing of protective masks is required of all attendees, faculty, and staff, regardless of whether it is required by law at the time of the meeting. Attendees who are not properly masked will be refused admittance to sessions and events and may have their badges revoked.
- The indoor mask requirement applies to all indoor areas of the Marriott Marquis. Masks are not required outdoors.
- While surgical masks and additional cloth masks will be provided on site, attendees are welcome to bring their own mask of choice.
  - Surgical, N95, and KN95 masks are strongly preferred.
  - Gaiters, bandanas, and masks with exhalation valves will not be accepted.
- Masks must be worn properly (covering both mouth and nose) at all times while indoors, except as noted below:
  - When actively eating or drinking during a mealtime.\*
  - When speaking on stage (as the distance between the speaker and audience will be greater than six feet). Speakers should put their masks back on when not actively presenting.
  - When being photographed or interviewed on camera by registered media or staff. \*

\*PLEASE NOTE: Attendees should maintain a distance of at least six (6) feet from others when unmasked in the above-mentioned situations if possible. Food and beverages will only be permitted in designated areas.

## Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in multiple locations throughout the Marriott Marquis for all attendees to use.

## Health and Safety in the District of Columbia

- Please refer to the District of Columbia's [COVID-19 webpage for the most up to date](#) information about requirements for traveling to DC.

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## Individual Accountability

- By choosing to attend any in-person component of an event, you agree to comply with all safety protocols that NORD or the venues may have in place. This is to ensure everyone is cared for and met in a way that respects their health needs to the extent possible.
- To preserve a safe environment, should any participant fail to comply with such protocols, NORD may take immediate steps including, but not limited to, denial of entrance to the event or removal of the non-compliant participant from the event space. Unless otherwise determined by NORD in its sole discretion, any participant who is denied access/entrance to or removed from an event based on this policy will not be eligible for a refund of any registration fees paid for access/entrance to or participation in the event.