

IAVM GUESTX (2022) Health & Safety Protocols

IAVM is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all participants attending GUESTX. Our decisions and preventive measures will be guided by the requirements and recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We are working with the Westin Hotel on implementing preventative measures to reduce the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus at our event. You may review the hotel's Commitment to Clean program [here](#).

We expect all participants to carefully and respectfully consider the risk they may pose to others. You should NOT attend if you:

- currently test positive for COVID-19.
- are experiencing or have experienced the [signs and symptoms of COVID-19](#) within the 10 days prior to arrival at GUESTX.
- believe that you may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.

While on-site at GUESTX, each participant will be required to:

- **provide proof of a government provided vaccination card showing that they have been [fully vaccinated](#)* in their name**
- if the participant is unvaccinated, they must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken in the last 48 hours. The negative test results will be shown to the staff at the IAVM Registration Desk prior to receiving any GUESTX materials. **Obtaining and purchasing the testing kits are the responsibility of the participant.**
- properly wear a mask **that covers their nose and mouth** during all indoor IAVM events, unless actively eating or drinking. **We suggest your mask is of a KN95 grade or above.**

By attending GUESTX each day, you declare that **you are NOT experiencing the [signs and symptoms of COVID-19](#)**.

During GUESTX:

- Wristbands will be handed out at the IAVM desk to indicate 'cleared' status and should be worn each day.
- instructors who are positioned at the front of the room and are positioned at least 6 feet from participants may be unmasked. If they are circulating among the participants in the classroom, they will be masked.
- all meeting rooms and food and beverage events will include socially distanced seating.
- hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the hotel and meeting spaces.

The responsibility for a safe and healthy event environment is shared among IAVM, the Westin, and every participant. All GUESTX participants are expected to adhere to and abide by the safety precautions IAVM is implementing to protect against the spread of COVID-19.

Should a participant begin to feel ill while at GUESTX, they should immediately contact [Darlene Somers](#), IAVM Director of Meetings. IAVM Staff will discuss with the attendee how they may continue to participate in the classroom experience while self-isolating in their guest room.

Should a participant contract COVID-19 during the dates of GUESTX, we suggest you follow the [CDC guidelines](#) on travel during COVID-19. Any additional expenses due to a COVID-19 related quarantine are the responsibility of the participant.

After all participants return home, they should self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and are asked to contact the [IAVM Meetings Team](#) if they experience symptoms of COVID-19 within 10 days after GUESTX.

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Should any positive cases be reported to IAVM within the 10-day timeframe after GUESTX, IAVM will communicate this information to all registered participants. Any private health or personal data received by IAVM will be treated as confidential.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are gathering. Please note that by attending GUESTX, you agree to adhere to the precautions and protocols above and understand that you are knowingly and freely assuming all risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, by attending this event. You understand that refusal to adhere to these protocols and abide by these precautions may result in immediate removal from the event and cancellation of the registration, without receiving a refund.

**A participant is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer, Moderna or AstraZeneca vaccines, or 14 days after a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine.*

All IAVM policies are subject to change. Should changes be made, a notification will be sent to all registered participants.

Questions? Contact the [IAVM Meetings Team](#)