COVID PROTOCOLS

What protocols is NASEC taking to ensure a healthy and safe conference?
We look forward to welcoming you to the Naval Academy Science and Engineering Conference in Annapolis this year. Our team is focused on the health and safety of all attendees, and our hope is that these guidelines can help you make an informed decision about attending NASEC this year and help you understand what to expect at the event. We are requiring a vaccine for all conference attendees, and masks will be required indoors as well. Please see below for details, and direct any questions concerning COVID protocols to NASEC@usna.edu.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Guests must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. “Fully vaccinated” is defined as starting two weeks after receiving the second of two doses of Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks after receiving the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine. For those who received an alternate vaccination (i.e., individuals living outside the U.S.) please contact NASEC staff at NASEC@usna.edu

How do I show proof of vaccination?
Guests shall provide proof of vaccination (CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Card, digital copy, or equivalent record) upon event check-in. Proof of vaccination shall be carried by guests when onboard the Naval Academy.

Health Monitoring

What if I have to cancel because of COVID restrictions to the USA or Maryland?
NASEC covers registration and lodging costs for attendees for the duration of the event. NASEC is not responsible for any travel fees, vaccination fees, testing fees, or any other considerations that may be necessary for you to join us on-site at the conference.

What should I do if I am onsite and not feeling well?
If you aren’t feeling well, please watch for COVID-19 symptoms. Please follow the CDC guidelines on when you should seek medical attention if you are showing COVID-19 symptoms. Please alert a NASEC event staff member of any concerns. Should you test positive for COVID-19, surrender your badge and remove yourself from the event, and as necessary, please quarantine in your room.

Should you end up testing positive:
- Follow the CDC guidelines on what to do if you get sick.
- You will not be able to return to the event after surrendering your badge.
- Please follow the guidance of the testing facility, urgent care, or hospital that you visited in order to best protect yourself, as well as the community. The facility at which you test positive will notify the Department of Health if deemed necessary by local guidelines for contact tracing purposes.

- Email the NASEC team, at NASEC@usna.edu, to let us know. While we will need to let event participants know that someone onsite tested positive for COVID-19, we will not disclose your name. We will ask attendees to monitor their own symptoms and follow CDC recommendations on what to do if they may have been around a person who had COVID-19.

**Mask Requirement**

**On Naval Academy Grounds**
- In accordance with Department of Defense guidelines, masks must be worn by everyone indoors except when dining or when necessary for identification purposes.
- Masks are optional outdoors.

**In the Hotel**
- Masks must be worn by everyone indoors at the conference hotel except when dining, when necessary for identification purposes, or within one’s room.

**In Annapolis**
- Follow the individual guidelines of the location, in accordance with the Annapolis/Maryland mask directions.